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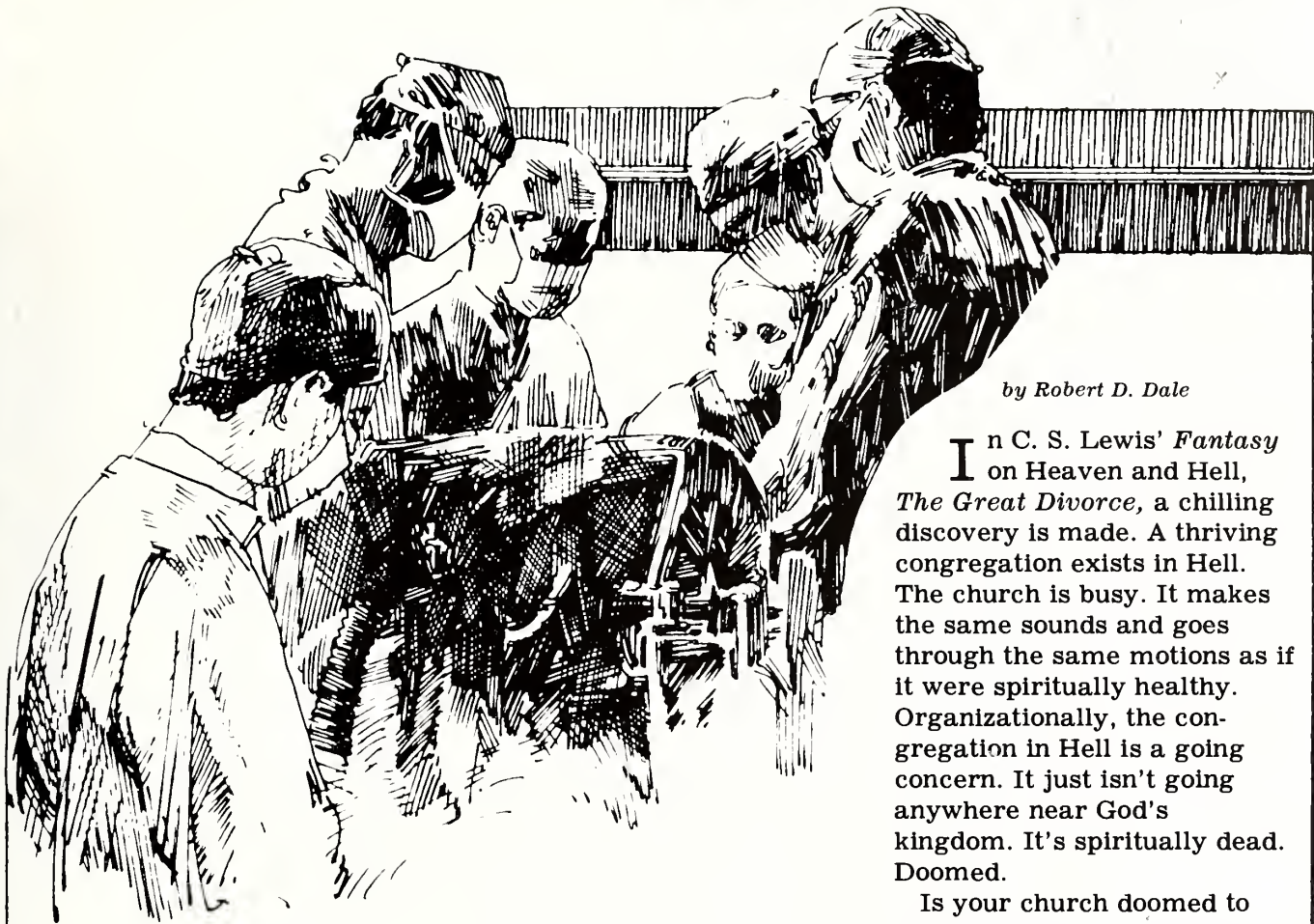
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by Robert D. Dale

In C. S. Lewis' *Fantasy on Heaven and Hell, The Great Divorce*, a chilling discovery is made. A thriving congregation exists in Hell. The church is busy. It makes the same sounds and goes through the same motions as if it were spiritually healthy. Organizationally, the congregation in Hell is a going concern. It just isn't going anywhere near God's kingdom. It's spiritually dead. Doomed.

Is your church doomed to die? I hope not. It doesn't have to die, necessarily. Not if your church commits itself to spiritual health.

Imagine you're driving down Church Street in your town or in another familiar setting. As you drive, read the signs in front of a variety of church buildings. Pay special attention to congregations with a likelihood of spiritual disease, churches on a so-called endangered species list.

The list of unhealthy churches which follows is admittedly overstated at points. But let your imagination work to help you relate these quietly deteriorating congregations to other churches you've known. When you and I can recognize diseased churches, then we are better able to build healthy ones.

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Is Your Church Doomed To Die?



Good Old Days Church

These congregations fear they're past their prime. They resist change. "Stop the world. I want to get off" is their motto. The golden ages of yesterday are preferred over the uncertainties of today and tomorrow. These churches may forget there's no faith possible when risks are impossible.

The church on the rural-urban fringe also finds itself in a double bind. The past was simple. There was a defined church field, an entrenched

power structure, and a simple program. Now the character of the church is being challenged. Will we reach out to the engulfing suburbs? Will we adjust our ministries to newcomer's needs? Can we make room in the elected structure for new leaders?

Stillborn Church

This church was probably birthed out of hate or competition. One example of stillbirth is the church begun as a result of a split or schism.

The climate of a stillborn church may remain negative and make the congregation clearer about what it's against than what it's for. Two neighboring pastors, leaders of congregations split out of each other, discovered a sure way to motivate their members. All they had to do was make a comparison of their church to the nearby "enemy" congregation. A "Catch Calvary" campaign or an "Eradicate Emmanuel" effort was guaranteed to ignite the old rivalries.

A negative beginning for congregations may tilt their motivations and ministries in negative directions for the long term.

Family Chapel Church

The center aisle in a family chapel serves as more than a back-door-to-the-pulpit passageway; it divides the house into opposing sides, into "us" and "them." When the family chapel is made up of two extended clans, blood ties may be thicker than Spirit. Kinship may decide votes. Old battles, some decades old, may undermine the family chapel's ministry.

Occasionally, the family cemetery does more to insure the congregation's existence than anything else. If you

doubt how crucial the cemetery is to some family chapels, consider this experiment. Announce two work days, one a general spring cleaning for the church building and the other a let's-get-the-cemetery-ready-for-Memorial-Day effort. Which work day would get the most support?

Dip 'n' Drop Church

Some congregations experience boom growth. They baptize lots of folks. But, overall, the congregations may grow very little. In these churches, people are saved, but they don't grow.

When instant maturity is expected to follow instant birth automatically, immaturity results. Any church with a dip 'em and drop 'em approach to evangelism eventually suffers from the liabilities of immaturity: childish fusses, majoring on minor issues, susceptibility to false doctrines, and marginal appreciation for ethics and applied Christianity.

When salvation is seen only as a point in time rather than a process through time, folks are apt to be evangelized and then not nurtured.

Doctrinal Specialty Church

Every congregation needs to know what it believes and practices. But when a church's complete confession of faith can be summed up literally on its church sign, it isn't taking advantage of the richness of the gospel.

A balanced doctrinal diet means all preaching and teaching emphasis isn't focused on one pet belief, even if it's an important tenet of faith. For example, if only the Holy Spirit is stressed, where are the Father and Son left?

Going to seed on a favorite doctrine creates a lopsideness which makes balanced growth difficult.

Serve-Us Church

Some congregations act as if they exist for themselves alone. They have the same attitude as the self-centered prayer:

Bless me and my wife,
My son, John, and his wife,
We four,
No more!

Serve-us congregations have a convenience store mentality; they serve up fast faith like fast food. Service, ministry beyond the local membership, is virtually ignored. The serve-us church often keeps most of its receipts inside the congregation for members' use. Missions and outreach aren't stressed.

No Growth Church

This style congregation takes some pride in stressing fellowship to the virtual neglect of evangelism. I was recently asked to consider leading an evangelism workshop in a we-don't-grow church. The pastor said, "You'll have to talk about 'sharing' faith. 'Witnessing' is too strong a word for our church."

Some religious groups assume an anti-evangelism stance. One sect went so far as to outlaw both evangelism and marriage. After one generation they realized what's always true for Christendom: we're only one generation away from extinction.

Widow Making Church

In the days of the sailing ships, some vessels gained a reputation as jinxed. After the dangerous image of these ships spread, crews became almost impossible to find.

When the owners had received their investment, the "widow makers" were deliberately wrecked. These ships were viewed as too dangerous to man.

Some congregations get the reputation as widow makers too. They fire or abuse pastor after pastor. That's not to say all pastoral firings are the congregation's fault. But when a church has fired four or five consecutive pastors, isn't it a widow maker?

Terrorist Tactics Church

Some congregations stay intimidated by terrorizing members. Church terrorists start rumors, are outspoken debaters, and play politics. These power brokers filter every decision and create a fuss whenever some action they dislike is under consideration.

Blackmail in its various guises—money given to or withheld from the church budget, designating gifts to pet projects, job security threatened by community employers who are also church leaders, or neurotic needs for recognition or power—is a favorite ploy of religious terrorists.

Power and decision making in the church are important issues. In a national deacon training conference, I asked a hundred deacons if their congregations had deacon rotation plans. Most did. A few reported deacon rotation had been resisted because some deacons feared they'd lose status. One man's answer startled me. His statement had overtones of terrorism: "We don't rotate deacons. We rotate pastors."

Superstar Church

This church revolves around a central person, usually the

pastor. The direction of the member's attention is so finely focused that a personality cult often results.

The superstar church may be "on." On television. On the freeway. On the I-visited-there-on-last-summer's-vacation circuit. People may join these congregations to draw their identity from a distant relationship with the superstar.

The superstar church gets a lot of denominational ink. It provides a model for others to imitate. Unfortunately, when the superstar leaves, the church may lose its momentum. Does the superstar assume so much spotlight and responsibility that the members may remain passive and untrained?

Smorgasbord Church

Many churches attempt to provide something for everyone. They try to be all things to all persons, whether they have the resources and opportunities or not. These churches play follow-the-leader with their programs. If another area church develops a program, the Smorgasbord Church feels duty bound to begin that program too. "Keeping up with the Joneses" is the Smorgasbord Church's style.

Congregations can adopt a "franchised faith" approach. That is, just like every McDonalds restaurant or Ford dealership are essentially alike, these churches are obviously Baptist (or Methodist or Presbyterian) franchises.

Two results are likely. First, a one-size-fits-all attitude to ministry will miss at least as many folks as it reaches. Second, trying to provide too wide a range of programs may

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stretch people's resources so thinly that little is done well.

Bermuda Triangle Church

People disappear in the Bermuda Triangle, or so the superstition claims. Some church members disappear into the innards of their congregation never to be seen again. They become inactive church membership lists, but their heart loyalties apparently lie elsewhere.

Many churches have an evident affinity to disappearances into the Bermuda Triangle. In Southern Baptist ranks, for instance, more than one in every four churchmen is considered inactive. That's a lot of unincorporated or misplaced manpower.

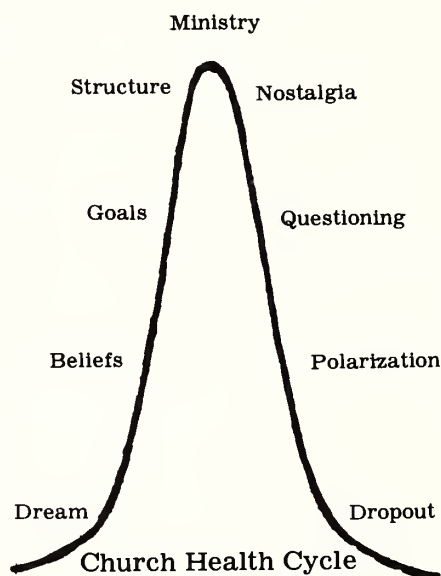
This problem covers the whole spectrum from the highly mobile military or university church to the Old First or changing neighborhood congregation. When new members aren't assimilated and longtime members aren't encouraged, inactivity is a likely result. Inactives can be counted for bragging purposes, but they can't be counted on for daily ministry to others.

Our quick tour down Church Street identifies some unhealthy churches. These congregations have atmospheres marked by *narrowness* (family chapel, stillborn, good old days, dip 'n' drop, and doctrinal speciality), *self-interest* (serve-us and no growth), *intimidation* (widow maker and terrorist tactics), and *elitism* (superstar, smorgasbord, and Bermuda triangle). Attitudes of "only us" or "us first" or "us-versus-them" or "us above all others" crowds out Christian concern for serving others.

From Health to Disease

What are the specific contrasts between healthy and unhealthy congregations? I've developed a simple model to picture the "health cycle" of a church. This approach is spelled out in my book, *To Dream Again* (Broadman, 1981).

The health cycle moves, like the human life cycle, from birth to death. The model looks like this:



A predictable sequence connects the stages.

- A *dream* gives birth to a church.
- *Beliefs*, a doctrine agreement for the congregation, grow out of the dream.
- Church *goals* grow directly out of the shared dream and beliefs.
- *Structure* organizes the congregation for reaching its goals and advancing its dream.
- *Ministry* refers to the variety of ways a church reaches out, develops members, and lives out its dream in Christian love.
- *Nostalgia* describes a longing for the days when the

dream was clear, focused, and widely supported.

● *Questioning* is a point of no return on the health cycle. Either a church returns to its dream and is revived by it, or the congregation risks spiritual and organizational decline and perhaps death.

● *Polarization* is a tragic sign of declining health. At this stage church members mistake each other for the enemy. Destructive conflict is common when polarization occurs.

● *Drop outs* result from a loss of the dream and ongoing feuds within the church family.

A church doesn't have to move through the entire cycle from health to disease. In fact, the point of the health cycle is to help congregations find out where they are and revitalize themselves by redefining God's will for them as a corporate body.

Churches aren't doomed to die if they seek, find, and do what God's kingdom requires of them. Health, not disease, is God's general intention for congregations.

Healthy congregations plan off their dream and live on the up-side of the model. By contrast, deteriorating congregations are problem-solvers and find themselves sliding down the back side of the curve.

Marks of a Healthy Church

Several marks describe the healthy church. Here are eight qualities characteristic of church health.

● Healthy congregations *focus on a specific dream* of their ministry. Effective groups use a mutual vision to glue them together. In churches, the dream centers on redemption. After all,

salvation is the one-word summary of the Bible.

The fundamental dream, for me, centers on Jesus' preaching of the Kingdom of God. He spoke of it and its redemptive power more often than any other issue in His ministry. To be like Jesus, then, means to take God's kingdom seriously. And the Kingdom of God is as basic and applicable for congregations as it is for individual Christians.

Since every local congregation has a unique personality, all churches don't look or act exactly alike. Their dreams, while similar in general ways, take on specific, personalized qualities as the dream is lived out in their local settings. The important issue is: can your church answer directly when asked, "What does God want from our church here and now?" The congregation needs to respond to this question as a group.

In other words, the answer given by the pastor or a small cluster of members isn't necessarily a dream for that congregation.

- Healthy congregations *develop a doctrinal agreement* around their dream.

Theological consensus provides a solid foundation for ministry.

My guess is that Baptist churches sing their theology more than they talk about it. A clue to congregational belief is the hymns and songs sung repeatedly, with feeling, and largely from memory. More than doctrinal debate or Bible verses quoted, the natural and enjoyable sharing of musical praise provides a corporate consensus about theology for many congregations.

- Healthy congregations *are goal-oriented*. Church

goals furnish a method for implementing their dream.

Good goals grow out of the dreaming, talking, listening, and decision-making processes of a congregation. Broad participation in goal-setting is essential for one practical reason: folks work for the goals they help shape.

- Healthy congregations *organize themselves to carry out their dream*. Organizational structure supplies the muscle and sinew for activating the dream.

Baptists have a mission vision, so we've organized mission boards. As a denomination, we've stressed the Bible and structured our churches into all-age Sunday Schools to teach the Bible. If your church has organizational units supporting no portion of your dream, your congregation is overorganized. Your church is underorganized if it has aspects of its dream which are unsupported by organizational structure.

- Healthy congregations *live out their dream in active ministry*. Ministry is the proof of the dream. Ministry links hearing and doing: it incarnates our vision into enacted faith. A balanced mix of dreamers and doers are needed to make a congregation both visionary and active.

- Healthy congregations *use nostalgia as an early warning signal*. An overt longing for the Golden Age of the past is a reminder that the congregation is losing touch with its dream. Nostalgia tells church leaders it's time to renew the dream.

- Healthy congregations *fight fair*. The only place without conflict is the cemetery. Otherwise, groups with ideas, vitality, and goals experience conflict from time to time.

Healthy churches find constructive ways to deal with their differences. They stay up-to-date with their disagreements and deal with them before they grow out of proportion. They look for solutions which advance the dream.

Dissenters are valued in healthy churches. In fact, diversity is necessary *koinonia*, or fellowship. The New Testament Church was made up of a wide range of folks—Jews and Greeks, free and slave, male and female, young and old. Diversity makes for disagreement; disagreement makes for better goals and a sharper dream—if conflict is constructively channeled.

- Healthy congregations *periodically redream their dream and plan off of it*. Organizations age and drift away from their dream as time passes.

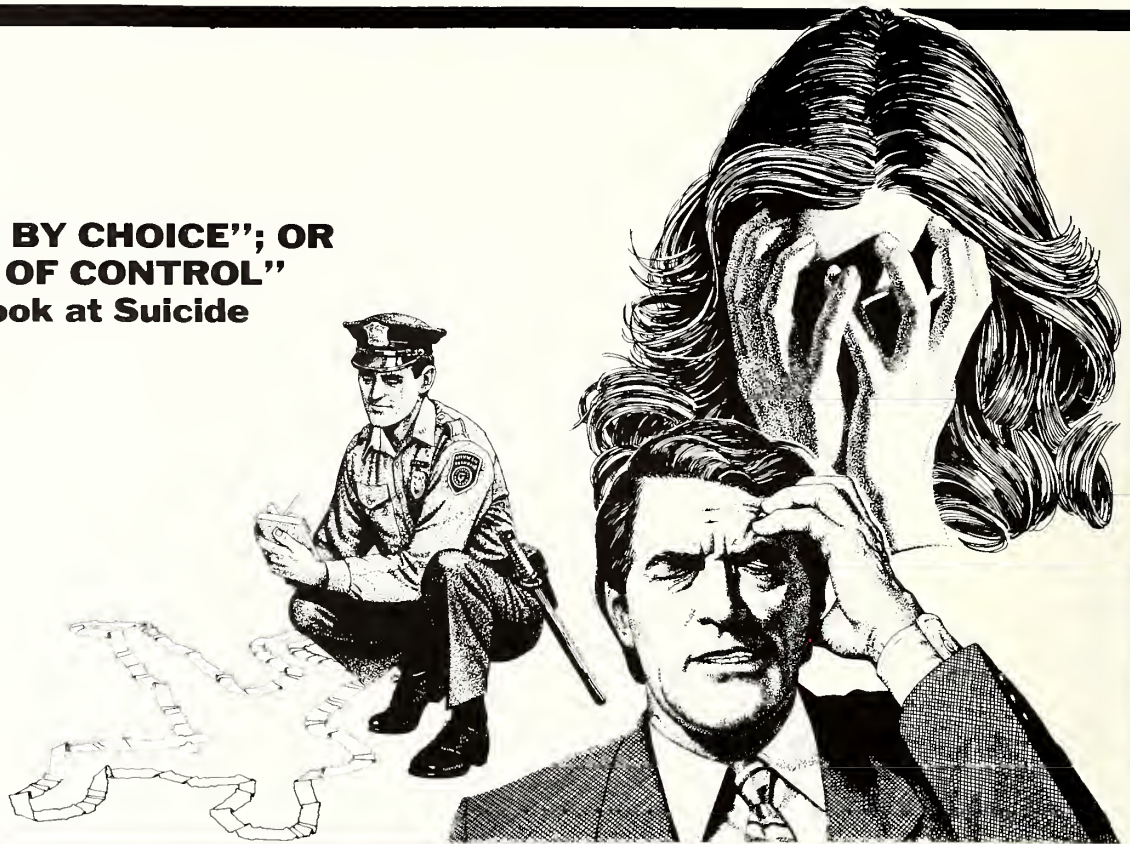
Periodically, it's essential for congregations to redefine their dream. Planning, based on their redemptive vision, turns dreams into deeds. Dreaming provides the biblical vision of the Kingdom of God for a church; planning is the organizational health skill which puts hands and feet to the dream.

Doom or Dream

No church is forced to face its death passively. It can define its kingdom dream rather than die. The road to church health is to dream again. Christ's kingdom hasn't changed. Our churches have only to dream it again.

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"DEATH BY CHOICE"; OR "OUT OF CONTROL" A Look at Suicide



by Dennis Smith

Did you know that the holiday season is the worst time of the year for many people? While others are enjoying a joyous spirit, many are questioning why they are even alive. The depression that many feel and experience, especially during this time of year, is one that should not be dismissed because the results of doing so are often quite devastating.

The following article on suicide should help us realize that many who threaten are not just crying, "Wolf!" May it spur us on to greater heights of compassion and knowledge.—Editor

Most of us do not like to hear the word. We usually ignore it. However, suicide is a real occurrence in our society today. The statistics are staggering as we also hear of "suicide pacts" and "agreements" by small groups of individuals. We as individuals and as a church cannot ignore suicide. We must face the issue head-on by learning more about it. Why do people take their lives? What are the warning signs, and how can suicide be prevented?

WHY?

We may never know why a person takes his own life. One reason why we may never know is because no one is exempt from suicide. Sometimes it is the person whom we least expect. This "disease" or "sickness" has no boundaries.

People who commit suicide have a reason to do so. There are certain factors behind the reason which push it to the surface. The first factor is usually stress. A mild crisis can quickly escalate to a major crisis for the person unable to cope. Paul Pretzel, in the book *Understanding and Counseling the Suicidal Person*, states that suicide usually represents a person's way out of a situation of painful stress with which he is unable to cope.

The next question is why are people unable to cope? There are several considerations here. Mental illness is certainly an element. People seem to just "snap" or "break" for no ap-

parent reason. Mental illness is another subject that many refuse to discuss, but mental illness needs to be addressed and studied by the Christian community. Affiliations with local mental health associations would be a great way to start.

Financial difficulties can drive people to suicide. People may also commit suicide in order for their families to collect insurance money. (However, many companies do not pay off in such circumstances.) The suicidal may see this as an end to his family's financial problems; however, he may not recognize the other problems his family will face after his death.

Sin is certainly a major factor in some suicides. People sometimes get involved in sinful acts such as adultery, gambling or blackmail, are found out, and see no other way out. We see a most vivid example

in Matthew 27:5 as Judas hung himself after betraying Jesus.

Suicide has many causes which are too numerous to mention. But we do have hope. There are warning signs for which we can learn to be watchful.

Warning Signs

Most people go downhill for long periods before they are actually in a crisis situation. A great many suicidals actually want to be rescued from their peril. We see this evidenced by the great number of failed suicidal attempts. About seventy-five percent of all suicidals give advance warnings of their intentions, according to The Suicide Information Center.

The S.I.C. defines four types of danger signals.

1. *Suicidogenic Situations:* This situation itself is conducive to suicidal thoughts and feelings. For example, a woman who has always taken great pride in her physical appearance is suddenly told she must have a disfiguring operation. Or an extremely happy marriage is ended suddenly by the unexpected death of a spouse.

2. *Depressive Symptoms:* Some include insomnia, lack of concentration, loss of appetite and weight, no desire to socialize, withdrawal, poor personal hygiene, feelings of defeatedness, dwelling on problems, appearing sad, and living in the past.

3. *Verbal Warnings: Myth:* *People who talk about killing themselves will not do it!* Eighty percent of all those who actually give verbal warnings do in fact commit suicide. *Treat all verbal warnings seriously.*

4. *Behavioral Warnings:* These include: giving away a

prized possession, an actual attempted suicide, organizing business and personal matters as if one were going on a trip, planning one's funeral, or suddenly resigning from clubs and organizations.

A suicidal person will *usually* give more than one warning signal *if* he gives advance warning. There may be no need for panic if only one signal is observed. Recognizing the signs and taking appropriate action may save the life of a friend or loved one.

Suicide Prevention

Statistics reveal that one-half to three-fourths of all suicides can be prevented (Bill Blackburn, *What You Should Know About Suicide*, Word Books, 1982, p. 35). We need to realize that reasons or causes do exist for suicidal behavior and learn to recognize and deal with them. Many needless deaths can be averted when the key people close to the potential victim are able to recognize the signs and respond in a supportive and helpful manner.

Most of us are not psychologists or counselors, but there are things we can do to combat suicide. The experienced counselor knows how to handle the suicidal situation. The unexperienced counselor upon recognizing the warning signals can try to talk with the person and get things out in the open. However, the layman must be very cautious and seek professional help when the situation is beyond his scope of ability.

Some people may recognize signs but be unable to confront the person. When this happens, the pastor or another competent individual should be notified. The important thing is to respond in some way. Talk to the person or find someone else

to do so. Learn the signs of suicide; they may help save a life.

The Role of the Church

Education is the key role the church can play in suicide prevention. We can provide seminars on suicide for all age groups. The Sunday School can provide a special elective class series dealing with the various aspects of suicide. A special program can be shared on Wednesday night.

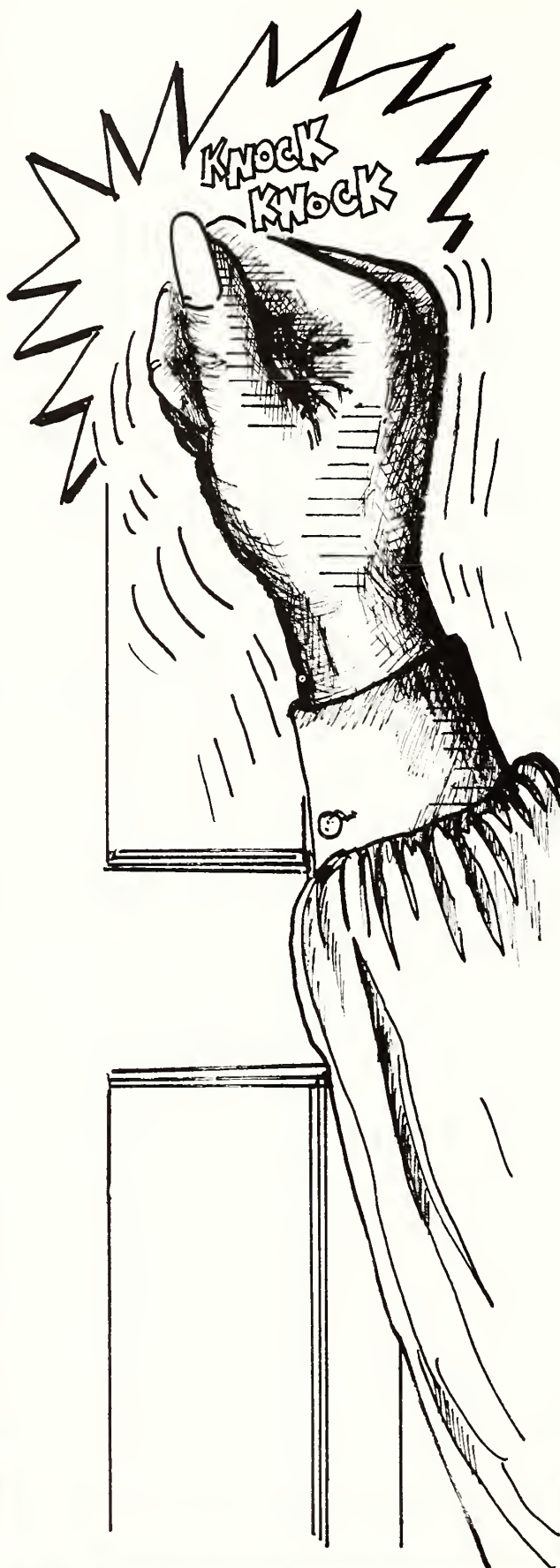
The church should also provide a support group for the suicidal person. Love, care, and concern are good medications. We can provide encouragement and hope for those who seem to be without hope.

The church can also provide support, hope, and encouragement to the bereaved in the event suicide does occur. The impact after a suicide is devastating, and God's people can help soften the blow.

Resources

A wealth of educational material is available dealing with suicide. Contact your local mental health center, library, physician, or hospital. The Suicide Information Center has available a "Training Workshop Outline" for \$5. Write to 6377 Lake Apopka Place, San Diego, CA 92119. Bill Blackburn's book, mentioned earlier, is an excellent resource to have on hand. Materials are available. Churches should obtain resources and make them available to all members.

Suicide should not be written off or taken lightly. People do kill themselves, but we as individuals and a church can help. Involvement, education, and love should be our catalysts.



DOES IT REALLY PAY TO VISIT?

The two Christian women approached the house with a great deal of apprehension. They had been two times before and been met with a great deal of hostility. The woman living there had told them rather bluntly that she knew where the church was *if* she needed it. When she was ready to go, she knew the way.

But on this third visit, the Lord intervened and she *and* her family were in church the following Sunday. The whole family became quite active in the program of that local congregation.

Does it pay to visit?

The family was facing a really difficult time. The visit those Christians made that day helped to lift spirits. The time they spent with that family helped them see that they were not facing the world alone, that others cared about them and their needs.

Does it pay to visit?

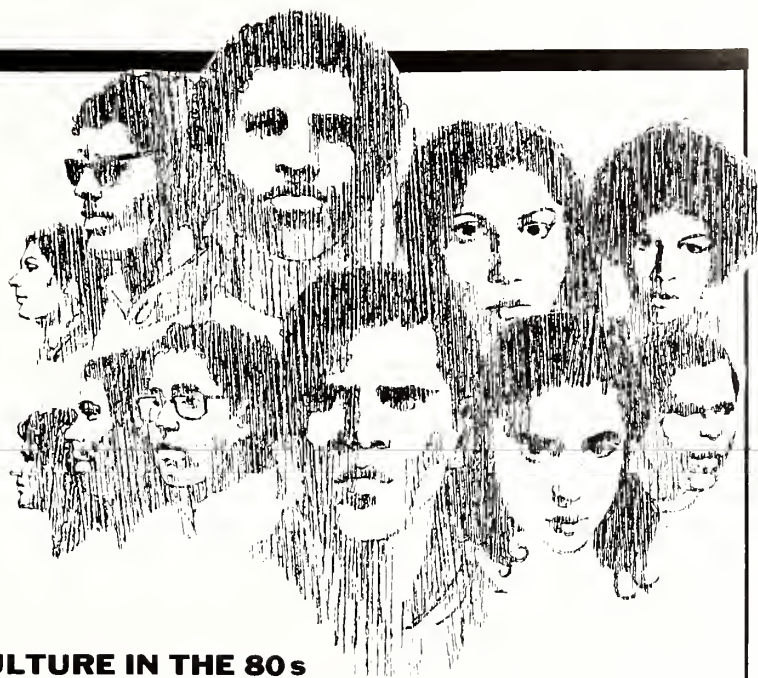
Several children came to church because someone invited them. While the visiting church members visited in their home, the mother told how they had been attending another church but had not been there for some months because of illness and work schedules. During that time not one person had even called on the phone to say, "We missed you." Today they are attending another church regularly—because someone cared enough to visit.

Does it pay to visit?

"This is almost unbelievable, but I'm glad you came by. I've visited in several churches since moving to town, but yours is the only one to visit me," a young woman told a group of Christians visiting her one evening.

Does it pay to visit?

While I would like to say that your visits will make all the difference in the world, I cannot do so honestly. There will be times of rebuff and abuse; you will not always find that you are welcomed or that people are completely honest with you. But time given in service to the Lord is never wasted. We may never know how our visit affects a family or an individual. We have to leave that to God—and He is always faithful.



THE YOUTH CULTURE IN THE 80s

Adapted from a speech by Jay Kesler, given at the Billy Graham School of Evangelism

Over the last five years, an interesting change has taken place in our nation's public schools. Many of today's student leaders—class presidents, captains of football teams, valedictorians—are outspoken Christians.

There are a couple of explanations for this! It may be that young people have Christian parents encouraging them and help them set goals. These youth just naturally rise to the top, like cream in a milk jar.

This change may also be due to the increasing secularization of our culture. As society becomes more and more secular, Christian students simply stand out in stark contrast to the rest. I tend to believe that the truth lies somewhere between these two ideas.

But we must not let this euphoria fool us. My analysis is this: The top 15 percent of the achievers in America are disproportionately Christian. Taking into consideration those students in the middle, the lower 40 percent are less Christian than any generation in American history.

The late philosopher-theologian Francis Schaeffer once said that America was living on Christian memory. He made that statement around 25 years ago. We must realize, then, that this lower 40 percent of America's youth aren't even living on the Christian memory. While their parents may have the memory, they have lost it.

With this in mind, what are some of the realities facing us as we seek to reach out to the youth culture?

First, young people have shifted their thinking from naturalism to supernaturalism. Unlike youth of the past, today's youth do not believe

you can account for human existence through science and reason. This supernaturalism takes many forms: Eastern religion, meditation, the occult.

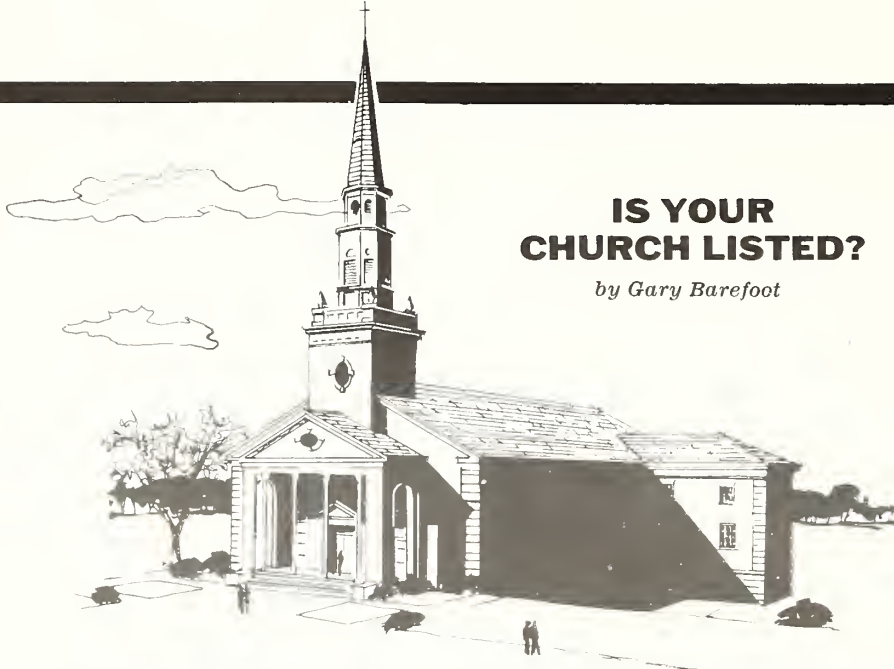
Along with supernaturalism is narcissism or "Me-ism." Young people live in a world that has taught them instant self-gratification. Commitment to almost anything is to be avoided, because it means hard work and struggle.

Another trait of today's youth is growing apathy. To better understand this, we must look at the youth culture of the '60s. Those young activists tried to change the world's formidable problems. Of course, they couldn't do it. Seeing past failures, today's youth turned hard, cynical, and dropped out of mainstream culture. It's not that they don't know or care about the world's problems; tragically, they feel they don't matter.

Another startling observation is the current attitude toward authority figures. Young people today seem readier to follow a strong personality. In fact, I think the climate among today's youth is dangerously close to the climate in Germany in 1932. If the right guru came along and promised the right mixture of God, country and materialism, we might all be surprised by what would happen in this country.

Finally, love and sentimentality are confused. In the wake of the sexual revolution, young people tragically believe that love and sex are synonymous.

We must face the current reality. And with guidance from the Holy Spirit, we must shape strategies and ministries to reach the youth of the '80s.



IS YOUR CHURCH LISTED?

by Gary Barefoot

In 1972, the Historical Commission and the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists purchased microfilming equipment to be housed in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection of the library at Mount Olive College. The primary purpose of this equipment purchase was to provide a means whereby historical records of the denomination, especially individual church records, could be preserved for the future.

Other denominations have long been involved in systematic preservation of their history through this and other means. Free Will Baptists have too great a heritage to neglect its preservation. To date the following churches have had their records (or parts of them) microfilmed. Is your church listed?

The microfilming service is free and in no way damages the records. Churches desiring to have their records microfilmed should contact Gary Barefoot, Librarian, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC 28365 (telephone 919-658-2502).

Beaverdam (Columbus Co.), 1921-1977
Bethany (Pitt Co.), 1919-1975
Black Jack (Pitt Co.), 1894-1974

Christian Chapel (Lenoir Co.), 1872-1954
Concord Chapel (Beaufort Co.), 1849-1912
Core Creek (Craven Co.), 1910-1977
Davis (Carteret Co.), 1907-1975
Deep Run (Lenoir Co.), 1903-1960
Dublin Grove (Beaufort Co.), 1907-1960
Elm Grove (Pitt Co.), 1923-1981
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Friendship (Johnston Co.), 1916-1985 (pt.)
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Grant's Chapel (Wayne Co.), 1897-1974
Gray Branch (Lenoir Co.), 1940-1976
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Mount Ariel (Horrey Co, SC), 1896-1970
Mount Zion (Onslow Co.), 1928-1968
Mount Zion (Pamlico Co.), 1920-1976
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Northeast (Wayne Co.), 1928-1976
Oak Grove (Bladen Co.), 1938-1979
Oriental (Pamlico Co.), 1902-1975 (1902-1933 incomplete; 1934-1950 missing)
Owens Chapel (Walston Chapel, Wilson Co.), 1919-1930
Piney Grove (Duplin Co.), 1925-1941
Plymouth, First (Wash. Co.), 1953-1978
Rains Cross Roads (Johnston Co.), 1925-1974

Robert's Grove (Sampson Co.), 1896-1944
Rocky Mount, First (Edgecombe Co.), 1933-1980
Rose of Sharon (Martin Co.), 1906-1975
St. Mary's (Craven Co.), 1918-1981
St. Mary's Grove (Johnston Co.), 1926-1985 (pt.)
Sandy Grove (Robeson Co.), 1951-1979 (Incomplete)
Sandy Plains (Duplin Co.), 1880-1979
Sarecta (Duplin Co.), 1973-1975
Sidney (Beaufort Co.), 1904-1973 (1946-1953 missing)
Smith's New Home (Lenoir Co.), 1895-1972
Spring Hill (Wayne Co.), 1905-1967 (1936-1953 missing)
Stoney Creek (Wayne Co.), 1908-1980
Tee's Chapel (Johnston Co.), 1901-1975 (early years incomplete)
West Hillsboro (Orange Co.), 1953-1971
Whaley's Chapel (Jones Co.), 1911-1975
Winterville (Pitt Co.), 1905-1983

The Historical Collection has purchased the following church records on microfilm from Archives and History in Raleigh and these are available also as a part of the microfilm collection.

Howell Swamp (Greene Co.), 1896-1966
Shady Grove (Sampson Co.), 1859-1954
Spring Branch (Greene Co.), 1930-1966

DON'T BLAME GOD

The liquor industry has been reaping some bad press lately—and it is deserving of every word of condemnation that has come its way. After the alcohol-related death of an actress, one of her long-time friends said, "It can't be a loving God to do this . . . it's just not fair."

Many have rebutted this friend—and the rebuttals will continue. One Salisbury, North Carolina, minister answered with an appropriate reply: "Families will be grief-stricken and Christmas will be filled with sorrow. It will not be God spoiling Christmas. We will be the ones guilty."

May his words stir us. God should not be blamed for our poor judgment!



the cragmont club

For 1986, we have set a new goal for gaining new Cragmont Club members. That goal is 100 new members. The Cragmont Club has been responsible for approximately \$55,000 in revenue and has seemed to level at around \$18,000 per year. The Cragmont Club is our only "trust" fund. It is not a trust fund in that we have deposited any of the funds in a trust account. It is a trust fund based on faith in those loyal, supportive individuals who believe in the ministry of Cragmont to actively support us financially. As club members you receive no plaque, no certificate and no special public recognition. You do get the opportunity to be our house guest, you get a satisfied feeling from knowing that you are contributing to a worthwhile purpose **and** you get our sincere thanks. If we get the 100 new members this year, we will have gained \$12,000 in extra revenue. Along with the 233 members we now have, we will take in from club members alone somewhere around \$40,000 for the year. So think about it; better yet JOIN. Here's how:

WHAT IS THE CRAGMONT CLUB?

- A group of interested and committed supporters of Cragmont Assembly.

PURPOSE

- To create a feeling of ownership at the church member level.
- To bring the outstanding debt on the Main Building to a swift retirement.
- To create a cash flow with regularity.

BENEFITS

- You will be a partner in the Cragmont ministry.
- Your family will receive certain cost reductions while visiting Cragmont.

PLANS

- \$10/month—Free Room and meals for immediate family for two days and nights/year.
- We do have a senior citizen plan. If interested please let us know.

- Cost reductions may not be used by participants of regularly scheduled conferences.

HOW DO I JOIN?

- Please fill in the form found below.
- Send your check to:
Cragmont Assembly
1233 North Fork Road
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Phone 704-669-7677

.....

Name

Address

..... Zip

Please give complete address.

.....

EVENTS FOR 1986 AT CRAGMONT

- January through February, Snow Skiing for \$75 per person **and** we still have some weekends left!
- April 18-20, Morning Star, Women's Mini Conference
- May 16-18, College Weekend Retreat
- May 19-22, General Baptist Ministers' Conference
- June 2-5, Spring Limited Edition

WEEKS OF CONFERENCES AND THEIR SPONSORS

- June 16-21, General Youth Conference, State Sunday School Convention
- June 23-28, Christian Cadet Conference, State League Convention
- June 30—July 5, Youth Frontier YFA, Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- July 7-12, Youth Frontier AFC, Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- July 15-19, General Youth Conference II, State Sunday School Convention
- July 22-26, Ministers' Conference, North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association
- July 28—August 2, Young People's Bible Conference, Carteret County Sunday School Convention
- August 4-9, Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- August 11-16, Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- October 13-16, Autumn Limited Edition
- October 24-26, Cragmont Club Weekend Retreat

We Proudly Present!

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE **March 7, 1986** **College Hall, Mount Olive College**

Sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions
Morning Session, 10-12:00 A.M.
Afternoon Session, 1- 4:00 P.M.
Mission Rally, 7:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER: DAVID BRYANT

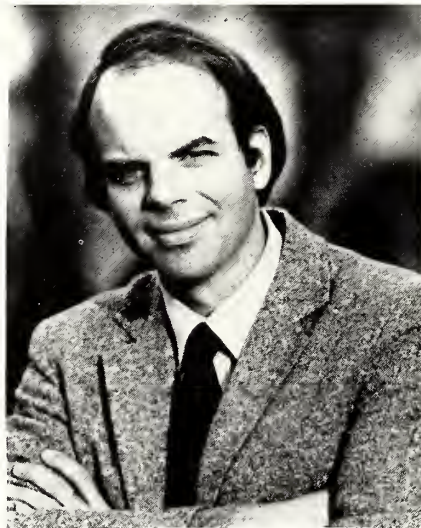
Enrich your prayer life by attending this conference. I am convinced that this is one of the most important meetings ever held among Free Will Baptists. *Please attend!*

This conference is not just for everyone else; this conference is for you!!

David Bryant serves nationally as Missions Specialist with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, USA. He has promoted biblical vision and practical strategies to thousands of students and lay people across the country through his World Christian Conferences and Concerts of Prayer Seminars.

Bryant has been a delegate to a number of international consultations on world evangelization, and was a speaker at the International Prayer Assembly for World Evangelization in Seoul, Korea, in 1984.

He has authored two popular books: *In the Gap: What It Means to Be a World Christian* and *With Concerts of Prayer:*



Christians Join for Spiritual Awakening and World Evangelization (both Regal books). As Executive Producer for

World Christian Video (Gospel Light Video), he has developed a unique multi-series training curriculum in use by churches and campuses. He serves on the National Prayer Committee and is a member of the Intercessory Advisory Group for the world-wide network of the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelism. He serves in the latter capacity as International Prayer Coordinator, serving urban and national prayer movements world-wide.

Bryant holds advanced degrees in both biblical studies and cross-cultural communications. He and his wife, Robyne, have a young son and daughter.



FOREIGN MISSIONS TELETHON 1986

by Harold Jones

Foreign Missions Telethon 1986 is only three months away. Telethon Sunday will be March 23. Last year 122 churches and 29 individuals called in on Telethon Sunday. *I challenge every church (there are at least 275) and individual to participate this year.* We need the support of every Free Will Baptist in order to make our world outreach program what it ought to be. *Our greatest responsibility as a church is to make Christ known to all the world.* Without the backing of all our churches our Foreign Missions program will never reach its full potential. What you do does make a difference. Let's make it 100% participation in the 1986 Telethon.

PRAYER MOBILIZATION FOR WORLD CHANGERS

It's time for us Free Will Baptists to mobilize our forces in consecrated prayer if we are going to be world changers. We are engaged in spiritual warfare. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

P. J. Johnstone in his book *Operation World* writes,

"There is a war in the spiritual realm, but it is a war already won by the Lord Jesus on Calvary. This victory is only applied to the present world need as we perseveringly and believingly pray. As we pray, we stand on victory ground, and can shout the hallelujah of victory over whatever seeming setbacks and trials come upon the work of God . . . *Prayer is a mystery.* God is all-powerful, yet He desires our prayers to

accomplish His work in the world. A prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit has a part in forming the eternal decrees of God. Prayer unites puny man to Almighty God in a miraculous partnership. Prayer moves the Hand that made and upholds the universe. It is the most noble and most essential ministry God gives to His children—but is the most neglected. May God make us real intercessors as we turn to the world in its great need."

I earnestly plead with you to look at the seriousness of the task the Lord has given us in world outreach and commit yourself to be a daily prayer warrior.

Please pray for the following over the next three months:

Prayer Items:

- A. World Missions Conference—March 7
 1. Pray for the speaker, David Bryant.
 2. Pray for every pastor to attend.
 3. Pray for a good representation of lay people to attend from each church.
 4. Pray for good weather.
- B. Telethon Sunday, March 23
 1. Pray for 100% participation of our churches.
 2. Pray for funds to send new missionaries and expand our fields.
 3. Pray for the greatest Telethon ever.
- C. Day of Prayer for World Missions, March 23
 1. Pray for a new awakening in our churches.
 2. Pray for yourself that God would burden your heart to be a prayer warrior.
 3. Pray for all our people that everyone will accept the challenge of daily prayer for world missions.

Thank you for your faithfulness. I believe the Missions Conference, Telethon, and Day of Prayer will be the greatest we have ever had because you prayed.

Philippines Two by Two

By Willem van der Plas

A policy of Jesus our Lord for our third-year students (Mark 6:7-13): The executive committee has sent them out two by two, equipped with the promised providence of God, a Bible, tracts, evangelistic study material, food and traveling allowance, and a letter for the Barangay Captain. A Barangay Captain is a community leader, who is elected by the population, more or less comparable with the mayor in the U.S.A. The Barangay Captain usually gives support and protection to all religious groups, and he is the host for foreigners.

Advice from the executive committee members to the "work-students": "When you come to the place of your destination, pray first." They had no assurance of a house and no organized place to stay and spend the night. They had no other means than the public transport as far as it reaches; two men had to walk more than 20 km. over muddy roads to reach Calawag.

Eight pastor-students and two Biblewomen-students, all enrolled in the new B.B.E. program—went out completely depending on the providence of their Lord, whose servants they want to be. On Saturday, June 29, they left for the first time. While we were out shopping early that morning, Lydia and I met some of them near the City market place, waiting on transport.

All of us, staff members, students, church members, church officers, pastors—everybody—were concerned about those who went out in such different ways. We all have been praying continuously and sincerely, in unity of

spirit. Every one looks forward to their return, to hear their stories about the blessings which they received, the people who give them room to live in, people who want Bible studies in their houses, people who want to worship. It brings us to our knees for thanksgiving and praise.

Two couples returned worried and somewhat disappointed, for they went to places where it is not so easy and less fruitful. Inagawan is the most difficult of these locations.

The pastors Roberto Aguilar and Neri Peralta try hard to share their message with the people who are barely responding. Some other evangelizing groups have been working there before, but they had to give up. Do we have to give up also?

The pastors are more or less welcome in three family homes. As they say, even in the houses of those people they still find the attributes of unbelief. For the young, ambitious and intelligent Neri Peralta it is difficult to sit down and wait for miracles.

People invite them to come back yet when they return the same people have their children tell them that they are not at home. One man who accepted Christ allowed them to return, but after four weeks of hard effort they had to give up trying to meet the man again. Let us join them with our care, our love and prayers, so that they receive perseverance and the assurance of our Lord: "Yes, I am with you, you are part of my Kingdom."

MEXICO



Brother Escobar baptizing converts in Mexico.

(Excerpts from a letter from Bro. Antonio Escobar)

Brother, I thank God for the work He has advanced here and at this time. The Lord has blessed our churches and missions and I hope and pray that this progress and growth should remain in all our churches. Let us unite in prayer for this work.

I have received all of the Sunday School material. I have shown it to all the pastors, and it has been good working with it in our churches.

In reference to our study program from Logoi, we are going forward, and the program has given us much hope and has strengthened our convictions as pastors and has certainly bettered the work in the churches.

In October, we had baptismal services in Piedras Negras.

750,000 AMERICANS WILL NEVER HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Quail Point #1
Forest Hills Road
Wilson, NC 27893

Dear Brother Crisp:

We are writing in response to our recent conversations. Until the early 1970s, deaf people were taught orally in state schools. They were not permitted to "sign." This forced them to create a language of their own. The outcome was ASL. This language was used behind the educational scenes while hearing people fruitlessly struggled to force the non-hearing child to communicate through speech. This process caused the deaf to resent the hearing but produced no success. During the early 1970s (after we moved to Wilson), this concept was dropped and "signed English" used simultaneously with speech became the mode of deaf education. Due to this, ASL remains as the first language of almost all deaf people in America.

What is ASL? It is a language of actions, peppered with a few words that has no sentence patterns. With ASL as their major (for most it is their only!) language, it becomes extremely difficult to read written English and comprehend the meaning. It is difficult for people like us to believe this exists in a world as modern as ours. Yet, with all our technology, we cannot give deaf people the hearing they do not have.

As far as our survey went, the results were devastating to say the least. It is estimated that there are around 200 deaf people in Wilson and the surrounding area. This does not include the more than 300 students at the School for the Deaf. To be completely honest, we have learned that few go to any church faithfully. Less than ten. The honest truth is that all North Carolinians have not heard the gospel . . . some people cannot hear and we must make God's Word visible to them.

Interpretation of hearing services through signed English is not the answer. Any truly deaf person will tell you that. The answer is not the all but impossible to interpret a sermon meant for hearing people into ASL. Besides, 40% of our services only reminds them of their handicap. They cannot understand or be "moved" by music. They also feel uncomfortable with large groups of hearing people.

The more aware we become of their needs, the heavier our burden becomes. Camp is a genesis. We introduce them to God's love and say, "Sorry, that's all until next summer." There must be a better answer! The command in Matthew 28:18-20 would not have been given had God been unwilling to supply the "tools" necessary for us to deliver the message. Now comes the quest for that "tool"; from all evidence it is ASL. We have talked with several ministers to the deaf, including the Rev. Jerry Potter, one of the Southern Baptist missionaries. They have done more in this area than any other denomination so far. Yet he agreed that they were reaching few. He also feels that the answer lies in "churches

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of the deaf." He has presented this idea to his denomination but they cannot proceed at this time due to a lack of trained, available personnel as well as the possible long-term expense. (They are now supporting two full-time missionaries and two part-time.)

Can we (the Free Will Baptists) let this prevent us from reaching out to this handicapped segment of our society? Because they've lost their hearing, must they also lose their souls?

Since we have been made so aware of this great need and are under such a great burden to do whatever we can, we present ourselves as missionary candidates and ask for support from our Home Missions Board, if possible.

We ask for full support in the beginning and will do our best, with our Lord's help, to decrease the support need as soon as possible.

We would like for you to be aware that progress will seem slower than normal because this mission will be dealing with handicapped deaf people. Communication takes 3 or 4 times longer than normal; communication can only be effective in small groups (all eyes must see). Their prior knowledge and understanding of the gospel is extremely limited. (Remember, they do not ever hear gospel songs on radio or T.V. Any non-visible knowledge they have received has been through *direct* attention to that subject. Very little attention has been given to spiritual matters.) It is not unusual to meet deaf teenagers or adults unfamiliar with the names Moses, Noah, Paul, etc. For example, last summer a deaf man, age 50, with average intelligence, wanted to know *who* "Amazing Grace" was. His limited knowledge of English had led him to believe that "grace" was an amazing woman. No, he is not dumb, meaning unable to learn. He was just born without one of the two major avenues of learning—the ability to hear. Now all learning must be processed through "sight" and no one ever took the time to explain what grace meant visually.

Considering the way the deaf have been overlooked and misunderstood during the years, we feel there is no time to waste. We need to start with the young now and also try to reach the older ones. Even a little knowledge of Christ could mean the difference between an eternity spent in Heaven or Hell.

Blindness is considered the worst handicap because of the danger in it. Deafness is considered the most tragic because it cuts the link between the deaf individual and all mankind. They are a separated society, doomed to a life of loneliness and misunderstanding.

Can we help to "bridge the gap"? We do not know. We can only pray, "Lord, You have made us aware of your deaf children, now help us make them aware of You."

We will be waiting prayerfully for your response.

In Christ,
Dale and Jasmine Albertson

Note: The Home Missions Board is trying to meet this request but we must have your help.



RETIREMENT HOMES, WHAT ARE THEY?

by Mrs. Rose Bowen

Believe it or not, because of bad health and not being able to attend the meetings that we had always loved to attend, Mr. Bowen and I knew very little about our Retirement Homes program. We believed it must be a new program that would prove its worth as our other programs had progressed. However, I feel that there are many Free Will Baptists that did not know and still do not know what it is all about.

Right here, I am going to do something that Mr. Bowen always corrected me on and asked me not to do. I am going to digress and tell you why Free Will Baptists need this wonderful part of our denomination. When most older ministers came into our group as young ministers, there was no program of Superannuation that would benefit them. We joined the Free Will Baptist Church during the depression. Those in the cities began to lose their jobs. Well, we felt lucky because the North Carolina League Convention elected us to the position of Field Secretaries and challenged us to travel the state of North Carolina to teach and organize Leagues. We were supposed to be paid the big sum of fifteen dollars a week. Some weeks we drew nothing, some three dollars, and I will not go into all the things that really happened. Mr. Bowen had planned to write a book if he was ever able to retire. Of course, he didn't get to. Then we left this work and went back to school. While there, we had some help but not a whole lot. This digression shows you that younger ministers, wives, and Free Will Baptist workers received very little salary. Churches often paid pastors ten dollars a week, and they pastored four churches a month, going to one each Sunday.

I praise God that we have made so much progress that young ministers today can buy

homes and have so many benefits that we did not have. This was and is a certain cause of our ministers' deaths because of having to work so hard that they could not retire. At least, that is what our doctors always told us.

Now, I could digress enough for an entire issue of *The Free Will Baptist*, but I will get back on my main subject. What is it? Retirement Homes is my main subject. We have a good Board of Directors, with the Rev. Walter Sutton as Chairman of the Board. He would love to represent the Retirement Homes, enlighten you on what it is all about and encourage you to support it. You perhaps know that if a person is a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in our Convention or has been employed by a church or institution and has retired, he can apply for residency with the Board.

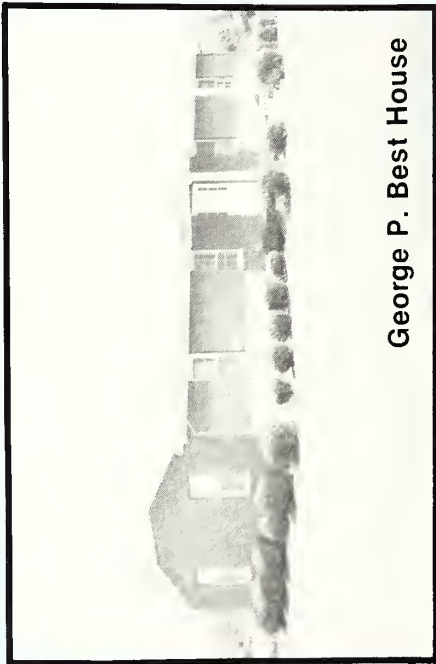
To live in a retirement home, you must pay 30% of your monthly or yearly income. You may not believe as I do, and that is your privilege. Somehow I can only believe that God laid it on some person's heart to start this program. I can say this from experience, because every time we did anything we asked God to lay on our hearts what He wanted us to do, and if we prayed without ceasing as we should we always got the answer.

We knew Mr. Bowen could not live long with the bad heart that he had. We often spoke of what I would do when I was left. He tried to advise me but if you do not own your home and have very little money, you can't advise very well.

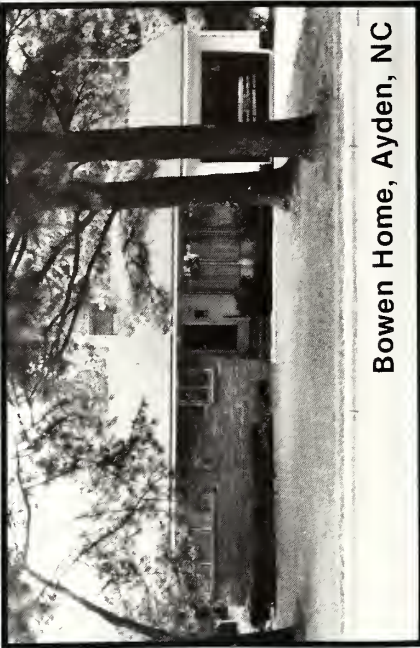
The time came and I was alone. I got on my knees day and night and prayed that God would guide me. I began to call and try to find some kind of apartment but to no avail. Yet God was working. He was putting on the hearts of many Free Will Baptists to speak in my behalf. I had friends that I didn't know I had. The Rev. Walter Sutton came to my door one day and I invited him in. He asked what I planned to do. I told him that it seemed all doors had closed on me. He asked me what I wanted to do. I told him that I wanted to stay in Ayden or go back to Wilson. Mr. Sutton said that they wanted to situate some retirees in locations with which they were familiar. He spoke of a small house for sale in Ayden. I told him that it was wonderful. Arrangements were finally made and I moved. Do you believe that God works in these things? I do! He answered my prayers and the prayers of so many others. The Retirement Homes program of our denomination is one of the best programs ever started.

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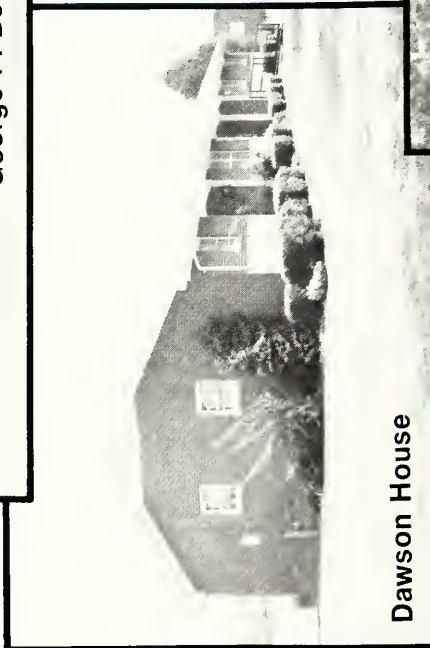
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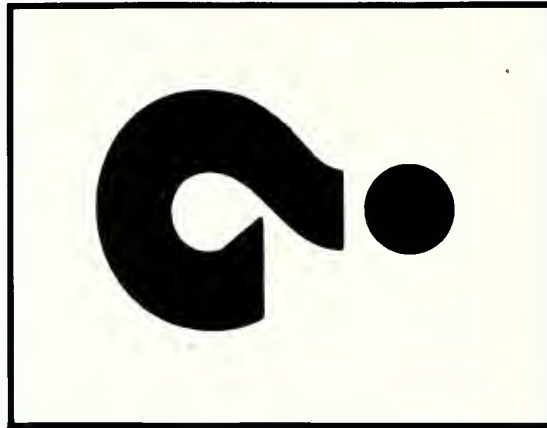
Bowen Home, Ayden, NC



Dawson House

**Free Will Baptist
Retirement Homes, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 39
Ayden, NC 28513
Telephone: 919-746-4963**



**GROUP CARE
CENTER(S)**



Albemarle Cottage

**APARTMENTS
(MIDDLESEX, NC)**

JANUARY 1986

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January is Retirement Homes Month.

RETIREMENT HOMES

RETIREMENT HOMES, WHAT ARE THEY?

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The main prayer I pray now is to thank God for a place that is comfortable to live in. I also pray if it is possible that God will somehow let Mr. Bowen know what our denomination has done for me and that I am being taken care of.

What can you do? The Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes Board is moving on and the retirees who are so thankful are moving on with the Spirit of God guiding them. Do you want to move on with us? Then pray every day for our Board and our retirees. Give as you have never given before so that we can prepare more homes and bless the retirees that stood by you through the years. This is the **best way** to honor those who have served and believed that our doctrine was the best that anyone had. **JANUARY IS RETIREMENT HOMES MONTH.** Ask God to tell you what to give and **listen.** He will speak very strongly and you must respond! Please send your offerings to Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, P.O. Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513.

RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

November 1985

Total: \$1,827.33

Cape Fear

Casey's Chapel	\$ 32.00
Casey's Chapel Auxiliary	20.00
Goldsboro, First Auxiliary	20.00
Haymount Auxiliary	20.00
Powhatan Auxiliary	20.00
Total	\$112.00

Central

Aspen Grove League	\$ 10.00
Bethany Auxiliary	20.00
Central Conference	75.00
Daniels Chapel Auxiliary JWE	10.00
Edgewood Auxiliary	20.00
Edgewood Sunday School	30.00
Friendship Auxiliary	20.00
Gum Swamp	75.00
Howell Swamp Auxiliary	10.00
Hugo Auxiliary	10.00

Hull Road	100.00
King's Cross Roads Auxiliary	10.00
Marlboro Auxiliary	40.00
Reedy Branch Auxiliary	10.00
Total	\$440.00

Eastern

Croatan	\$ 25.00
Deep Run Auxiliary	15.00
Holly Springs	250.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	20.00
Sandy Plain	37.50
Sandy Plain Auxiliary	20.00
White Oak Grove	200.00
Total	\$567.50

Pee Dee

Beaverdam Auxiliary	\$20.00
Cypress Creek Auxiliary	20.00
Oak Grove Auxiliary	20.00
Total	\$60.00

Piedmont

East Rockingham Auxiliary	\$20.00
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Western

Barnes Hill	\$100.00
Free Spirit	46.00
Fremont	150.00
Kenly Auxiliary	20.00
Mount Zion Auxiliary (Wilson)	20.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	20.00
Sherron Acres	20.00
Stancil's Chapel Auxiliary	20.00
Stony Hill Auxiliary	20.00
Total	\$416.00

N.C. State Auxiliary Convention

(Christian Service Fund)	\$111.83
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Individuals

Jean H. Moore	\$100.00
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Members of the Retirement Homes Board—(standing, left to right) the Revs. O. B. Jones, J. C. Yates, Clifford Ball, Mr. Lloyd Jones, the Rev. James B. Hardee; (seated, left to right) the Rev. W. S. Burns, Mrs. Betty Lee, the Rev. Walter Sutton, director of the program (not pictured: the Revs. Harry Jones and Everette Harper).

Mrs. Linda Bray (right) was recognized by the Board at its last meeting for the secretarial services she provided from 1974-1985.



It's Your Move: When Is Enough, Enough? (or, Turning Down That Corporate Transfer So You Don't Have to Move Again)



Dad called everyone to come into the kitchen. (**I knew why.**) He asked us to sit down, he had something to tell us. (**I knew what it was.**) He announced we're going to move to another city, he'd been transferred. (**I was right.**)—A 12-year-old girl

Americans move a lot. Forty million relocate every 12 months for one reason or another. That's one-in-six of everybody. A big part of that number move locally—to a "nicer" house in a "better" part of town. Those kinds of moves are cause for joy and celebration. The other kind—leaving because of Mom or Dad's job—is often less than pleasant.

Rerooting from one town to another—whether in the same or different state, same or different country—marks one of the basic traumas of family life. Single adults, or married people without children where only one spouse has a job outside the home, fare pretty well on Moving Day. The rest find it very trying. Psychologists even

describe the moving-of-families in clinical terms, tracing the presence of such ailments as migraine headaches and toothaches to the sheer stress of uprooting.

Ironically, families who move a lot don't get used to it. In fact, after the second move studies show that families

begin to believe they'll never find "home" after all. Children in these families often refuse to make real friends. They only make acquaintances. They're easier to say good-bye to. Carol Dowsett, daughter of a retired Air Force colonel writing about this "no-one-knows-me" theme in an article in *Ladycom*, a



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military life-style magazine, comments: "No one I know now knew me when I wore braces. No one who knew me then knows how pretty and straight my teeth are now."

Moving Is Costly

Moving Americans is a costly business, not just in family life stress but also in actual dollars and cents. Corporations calculate it costs them an average of \$40,000 to move an employee and his family. These "re-location packages" include movement of household goods; transportation for employee and family; house-hunting trips (as many as it takes); home-finding assistance from an agent or relocation service; and financial assistance, like closing costs, loan origination fees and points, to purchase the home. Some companies help with the sale of the old home, while others even guarantee the sale and cash payment to cover any loss on the sale.

At IBM, one of the larger employers in North Carolina, especially in the Research Triangle Park area (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill), employees are provided all the basic relocation services and financial reimbursements. Maxine Yee, of IBM's New York office, told *Charity and Children* that the worldwide computer company employs relocation administrators who "... interface with employees, give advice and counsel and provide information to make transition as smooth as possible." IBM, in addition to the usual services of house-hunting trips and mortgage differential fees, pays for living expenses upon arrival to the new location for 56 days for the employee and 15 days for dependents.

Some companies go even beyond these basic services and provide interest free sec-

ond mortgages, cost-of-living allowances, additional money to cover higher property and income taxes, and private school tuition or out-of-state tuition if your children's education costs rise because of a move.

The high price tag of moving has caused some large corporations to reconsider earlier policies of shifting executives around the country. IBM, once said to stand for "I've Been Moved," has reduced its transfer of employees from an average of five to three percent of its total 240,000 U.S. workforce. The computer company, concerned with its earlier image of moving thousands of people from city-to-city, now tries to build a second job experience or promotion into a relocation. Even the military, perhaps the greatest people-mover of all time, will sometimes relocate an entire regiment, hoping that moving a large group together will make it easier for families to maintain friendships.

Biggest Cost Is Family Relations

The \$40,000 price tag for the average corporate move, however, is small compared to difficulties experienced by many families who feel uprooted from a familiar community. The promise of "a bigger house and your own bedroom" is little comfort to the 15-year-old daughter who just got selected to be in the high school color guard. The "trailing spouse," 99 percent of the time the wife, may harbor real anger that her career was cut short because of her husband's job transfer. The feeling of having no choice in the matter is debilitating.

Of the three major elements to consider in a job transfer—your career, your family and your fi-

nances—family must be placed as the number one priority. To do less is to worship at the altar of self-destruction. What does it profit a man (or woman) to gain the world and lose those few people about him truly capable of providing genuine love? Spouse and children must come first.

The trauma of moving, of course, depends upon the age and size of the family and the place you're moving from and to. A transfer from Raleigh to Charlotte is obviously easier than one from Raleigh to the Middle East. Single adults can pack up and leave with greater ease than parents with school-age children. The younger marrieds, with no children or preschoolers, and the older adults, with the last child out of high school, also find uprooting simpler. In fact, moving for the young and old can be an opportunity to "start over" in a fresh and exciting environment.

The difficult times to move, according to the experts, are when children are between ages 3 and 5 or 14 and 16, the age clusters when children have the most problems adjusting to new friends and situations. In fact, smoothing the move for the children is one of the most critical aspects of relocation. (See "Moving Children" on the next page.)

Another difficult situation is when the "accompanying" spouse (usually the wife) has a career of her own outside the home, which accounts for 41 percent of the wives nationwide. Some companies, like IBM, attempt to help the spouse find employment in the new community; although in most cases she must take a job for which she is overly qualified and generally underpaid. The resentment of the spouse whose career suddenly becomes less

important than that of her husband's job transfer can create problems both immediate and long term.

Should You Move?

Each person must obviously decide if the job transfer is worth the costs—financially and emotionally. Until recently few corporate ladder-climbers ever turned down a move. But a lot has changed. One-in-three people nationwide turn down job transfers each year, up from something around only one-in-ten a decade or so ago.

If you decide to move, make careful and thoughtful decisions throughout the process. Remember, the excitement of more money and a bigger office pale quickly when you must cope daily with an unhappy wife and children. Be realistic. Know yourself. Keep your sense of humor. After all, it's your move.

Moving Children

As many as one-third of all moves do not go well. There are a lot of reasons why. Adjustment of the children is the most oft-given reason.

Moving children, as any parent knows, is difficult. A weekend trip to grandmother's can be a challenge for a seasoned mother. Children like the familiar. They like to go to bed in their bed, and wake up there as well.

Close to eight million children under age 12 move each year, including those who move around the corner as well as those around the world. For a child under 12, the thought of changing residence can be very frightening. He has lived most (or a large percentage) of his life in a single place. You may have already moved several times before you ever married. But your current address

represents a large part of your child's total life.

One of the most important bits of advice for moving children is to prepare them for what lies ahead. Be honest and upfront about the situation. Children want to be involved and feel some sense of control over where they will live. Don't be impatient if they fail to see how this move will help their father's career with the company. That doesn't mean much to them. All they know is that they are leaving a house, neighborhood, school and church where they know people, to go to a different set of these elements where they don't know anybody.

The moving company may guarantee they will not break your "most precious belongings" but no one can help you move what you know is your most precious "belonging" of all, your children.

So, the job is up to you—mother and father—to make the move as smooth as possible for the children. After all, you say you are moving for a better life for them. So, take them into consideration when planning and carrying out the moving process.

An article a couple of years ago in *Parents* magazine provided some helpful hints for parents moving with children. Here are a few of those suggestions.

* Try to involve the children in the move—the planning, the packing, the throwing away. Give them a voice in what goes to the new house, what goes to Goodwill, and what simply needs to go. Don't throw away anything belonging to a child without a discussion first. Holding on to some of those old possessions can be important. Emphasize that the old homeplace is not going out of

existence. You may want to make a scrapbook for your children so they can remember where they once lived.

* Very young children need to be reassured that they are coming along on the move. Experts tell us that many toddlers live in fear of being left behind while the movers are carrying out the furniture and appliances.

* Once you've moved, get back into a "normal" routine as soon as possible. The first few weeks at the new house are never fun. You can't find anything and declare that the moving company lost at least one-fourth of everything you own. You find your husband's ties packed with the pots and pans. The Christmas ornaments are right on top, but it's July and you don't even need to know where they are right now. Eventually, you've got to stop eating out and cook something in your new kitchen. Life needs to return to normal.

* Planning activities the first few weeks for the children is important. Find a swimming pool (if it's summer), day camp, anything to set up some kind of routine. Drive around. Establish some routes to places so that things can begin to look more familiar.

* Once you move, be moved. Don't load up the car every weekend to drive back "home." This tells your children, your new neighbors and your old neighbors something about your attitude of the new homeplace.

* Try not to compare communities. There is a tendency to take all the good of the old neighborhood and place it alongside all the bad of the new neighborhood. So your new house has a carport instead of a full-size garage. You'll get used to it.

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* Realize that it takes time for you and your children to make friends. It takes six to 18 months or longer. It also takes a lot of acquaintances to find a friend or two. Resist comparing your new would-be friends to a tried-and-true friendship established over many years.

* Remember, your children share many of your feelings and anxieties. How you feel about moving will affect their feelings as well. If you're positive, there is a better chance they will be too. If you're negative, it's almost certain they will mirror your discontent.

In time, the adjustments will be made. The new home will be referred to as just "home" and the place you moved from will be only a memory, both for you and your children.



A TWENTIETH CENTURY PHENOMENON CREATES NEW PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

by Robert R. Stump

Family moving is primarily a 20th century phenomenon. Sociologists relate family mobility to our attempt to reach the "American dream." The wage earner's attempt to seek and/or secure better employment or housing is the major reason for most family moves.

In 1981, 17.2 percent or 39,824,000 of the total population moved to a different residence, as compared to 26.5 percent or 57,327,000 in 1977. In North Carolina, 48.8 percent of the population or 2,937,000 individuals moved between 1975 and 1980. On a national level, one out of six children move annually. In North Carolina, one out of three children moved between 1975 and 1980.

Families began to move with the onset of industrialization and the automobile. The ability to secure employment in cities caused farm families to begin migrating to industrial centers. The primary effect this movement had on the family was to break with and lessen the role of the extended family. Family theorists mark this as a major turning point for the American family.

As families began to be mobile, family traditions, values, and relationships began to change. Traditions such as Thanksgiving dinner at grandmother's house or birthday celebrations were no longer possible due to distance. This support system previously provided by relatives disappeared and created the need for family self-reliance.

The majority of family moves occur within the same city or county of their original residence. This kind of move appears to be done to enable the family to improve their living situations. Most often this means the children will have to change schools.

Moving, whether it be across the city or across the country, has the same impact on the child if he has to change schools and adjust to a new peer group. How the child handles new experiences and adjusts to new environments and relationships depends on the security he feels from his parent(s). Secure home base relationships make it easier for the child to experience a move and face both new peer and adult relationships.

The major problem created by moving is the separation from relatives, close friends, peer groups, and familiar surroundings. Uprooted relationships require a period of psychological adjustment. Probably the child is affected the most in this process. The most critical time for a child to move and adjust to the anxiety moving creates is between ages 3 and 5 and years 14 and 16. When the teenager is faced with uprooting and losing the security and friendship derived from his peer group, moving can be a negative and even damaging experience to the adolescent's developmental process. Usually a drop in school performance or sudden change in behavioral patterns will be the child's way of saying he is having problems adjusting to the move.

The psychological aftereffects of a move can last anywhere from six months to one and a half years. Some individuals never psychologically recover from the move and will try to go back "home." The key to a successful family move is the advance preparation. This not only deals with the physical aspects of the move, but begins the psychological adjustment process. The feelings experienced as separation from meaningful relationships occur, in addition to the anxiety and fear related to establishing new relationships—community, school, church, work, peers—must be talked about.

Moving does not have to be a negative experience. Statistics suggest, though, that as the frequency of a family's mobility increases, the abuse/neglect/dependency reports against the family will also increase. The loss of significant people and relatives cause families to rely solely on intrapersonal resources, which are often limited. The need for child care in a strange town creates major problems for a family who has been solely dependent on kinship child care.

Churches in many communities actively seek out new families to offer assistance in their settling in and adjustment process. Day care is one community service that is needed because of the absence of extended family. Big brother and big sister groups help children immediately find a friend in a strange town.

The purpose of the move can make the difference in terms of how the family copes with the move. If the family's purpose is to get away from problems, the move most often will be unpleasant. If the family views the move as presenting new opportunities and challenges, emotional energy most often is challenged and directed toward making the most of the new opportunities. One must keep in mind that moves don't just happen, they must be carefully thought through, feelings anticipated and dealt with at appropriate times.

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... Before You Move

One important matter that is often overlooked during a move is the settling of paperwork. Bills, banks accounts, legal papers and medical records all need to be transferred to your new location. Tending to these

matters quickly helps smooth your move and makes you feel more "at home" in your new home.

Changing Times magazine offers these suggestions for transferring your paperwork quickly and easily.

Bills and Accounts

You'll want the bills and publications that come to your old mailbox to end up in your new one, on time and properly addressed. Don't assume, however, that a forwarding card at the post office will cover everything. Write to each of your accounts, informing them of your new address and the date it becomes effective. Don't forget to include your old address and account number, if applicable, in your correspondence.

Don't close your checking account too early. There may be last-minute expenses you weren't counting on, and you'll need to get to your money quickly and easily.

Once you've opened an account in your new location, ask your old bank to close your account. The old bank will either send you a cashier's check for the balance or wire the money directly to your new account.

If you're moving out-of-state, car loans and other loans that involve a title may present a problem. Some banks won't let you transfer the title to a new state before paying off the loan. Without a title you can't register the car, and without registration you could be ticketed by police. You may need to prearrange a new loan in your new location to pay off the old debt and free the title for transfer.

Insurance

Auto, life and health insurance policies usually stay in effect when you move, but be sure to notify your agent of your new address. Renters and homeowners insurance will probably cover your possessions while in transit, but if it won't, check with your moving company about coverage.

Lawyers, Doctors and Mechanics

You are entitled to originals and copies of everything you've given your attorney. If you move very far away, you may need to consider writing a new will that names a new executor to your estate.

Be sure to have your medical and dental records forwarded to your new doctor and dentist. Also arrange for your children's school records to be sent to their new schools.

If you're taking prescription drugs, get enough to last until you find a new doctor. You may be able to have the prescriptions filled after you move, but procedures vary widely, depending on state laws and drug types. According to pharmacists, heart and blood pressure prescriptions can usually be filled for up to six months.

Organize as complete a record as possible of maintenance and repairs done to your car. Knowing what has recently been replaced could spare you from needless repairs should you run into an unscrupulous mechanic.

Finally, take your old phone books to your new home. This can be extremely helpful, especially if you've left rental property or an unsold house, because you'll be able to call local plumbers or electricians should an emergency arise.

News About Children and Families

One-Parent Households Increase Sharply in U.S.

One in four American families with children under 18 are one-parent families, the Census Bureau reports.

Twenty-six percent of all households are single parent, compared to 22% in 1980 and 13% in 1970.

The dramatic rise of the one-parent family has been one of the major social developments of recent times and is viewed by many students of social trends as a major factor in increased poverty and welfare dependency.

Nine out of 10 of these families are headed by women, and they are disproportionately black and poor.

The Census Bureau's survey found that in 1984 there were 33.2 million families with children under 18, and 8.5 million of them were one-parent families.

Although the poverty rate for the nation as a whole was 15.2% in 1983, it was 40% for single-parent families headed by white women and 60% for those headed by black women.

Experts have offered a variety of reasons for the increase in one-parent families: more births out of wedlock, separations and divorces, and wider job opportunities for women.

—The Washington Post

School Enrollment Headed Up

For the first time in almost 15 years, elementary school enrollment is on the rise, reflecting the U.S.'s mini-baby boom.

There will be increases in elementary enrollment for the next 10 years, which will, of course, show a similar enroll-

ment rise in high schools and even colleges in the years to come.

Total enrollment in public schools has dropped since 1974 from 45.1 million to 39.4 million.

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For More Information on Moving:

The Book of America, by Neal R. Pierce and Jerry Hagstrom
The Book of America City Rankings, by John T. Martin and James S. Avery
Moving: A Guide to Selecting a School System, by Albert and Marilyn Pautler
Moving to . . ., Moving Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 183, Synder, N.Y. 14226
Places Rated Almanac, by Richard Boyer and David Savageau

For children, ages 2 to 5:

The Berenstain Bears' Moving Day, by Stan and Jan Berenstain
Moving Day, by Tobi Tobias, illustrated by William Pene Du Bois

Ages 6 to 9:

I'm Moving, by Martha Whitmore Hickman, illustrated by Leigh Grant
Moving Molly, by Shirley Hughes
Maggie and the Goodbye Gift, by Sue and Jerry Milord
Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport, by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, illustrated by Byron Barton

Ages 10 to 14:

Goodbye, House: A Kids' Guide to Moving, by Ann Banks and Nancy Evans, illustrated by Marisabina Russo
It's Your Move: Picking Up, Packing Up, Settling In, by Linda Bourke



REFLECTING

What makes America's traditional Christmas so special in all of our lives? Why is it one of the most exciting and electrically charged seasons of the year? Most of us feel it. We try to express it in a diversity of ways like gifts, decorations and greeting cards. Yet, a clear-cut answer seems to fade into realms of nostalgia and memory. Perhaps it is the fanfare of celebration and activities, or the rainbow of colorful displays. Or maybe it's the magic of chilly white winter scenery outside a window that is fogged by a warm fire and hot coffee.

These descriptions and millions more call forth images that make up what we have come to know as the traditional American Christmas. It seems the real beauty, however, is that every heart has its own accumulated perception of the answers to these two questions. These perceptions are largely shaped by the experiences each

person has throughout his childhood years. Knowing this, our child care ministry spends a great deal of time and effort making sure that deposits made in our children's seasonal memory banks are worthwhile investments for each child's future.

Through the years, many persons and groups have joined us in this investment by giving of their time, their gifts, their prayers, and themselves. Now that the holiday season is over, it seems appropriate to reflect upon that which has been done for our children. In reflecting we see that no one had to take the time to plan parties . . . but they did! They weren't obligated to transport people and refreshments on cold winter nights . . . but they did! No one was coerced into sponsoring every single child in our care (34) for \$80 each in buying one of the few Christmas gifts that some would even get . . . but they gave anyway! There

wasn't an organized prayer vigil to kneel "around-the-clock" in prayer for this great ministry . . . but God knows how many have prayed for the needs of our children during this sensitive season. And there wasn't a grand recognition service at the end of the holiday season to acknowledge the sacrifice of those who directly minister to our children . . . but that's okay; they know their glory will unfold with the years as children become adults and cash in on the investment made by our child care workers.

All of these have become a part of the accumulated perceptions of what will make the holiday seasons so special for our children through the coming years. To all of such, we say with deep and sincere gratitude . . . "Thank you." But don't forget, the children need you year around. Won't you continue to make them a part of your lifetime investment?



STARTING A SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL

by Bass Mitchell

WHY?

Why start a Sunday School council in your church?

I do not know of any growing Sunday School that does not have an active Sunday School council, or at least something like it! The Sunday School requires a great deal of planning, overseeing, and supervision. Goals need to be set. Policies established. Problems solved. Teachers trained and supported. New classes started. Outreach programs planned and carried out. To do all of these things and everything else required to have a growing Sunday School means that a council is absolutely essential!

If you want your Sunday School to grow and improve, then start a Sunday School council. If you already have one, you may need to improve it. This article is intended to help you do both.

Who?

Who should be on the Sunday School council?

One answer to this question is to have all Sunday School officers and teachers on it, including assistants. Many churches do this. This

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

is understandable and can work well in small Sunday Schools. But if your Sunday School has more than seven classes, then this may not be the best way to determine council members, for it will make the council too large. The council does not need more than fifteen members. Less than this would be better.

I would recommend the following to make up your council!

1. The Superintendent (Chairman)
2. The Assistant Superintendent
3. The Sunday School secretary
4. A teacher of adults
5. A teacher of young adults
6. A teacher of youth
7. A teacher of elementary children
8. A teacher of preschoolers
9. A parent of a teenager in your Sunday School
10. A parent of a child in your Sunday School
11. The pastor

It should be obvious that these persons are active in the Sunday School, concerned about it, and willing to devote the time required for an effective council.

These persons are nominated by the nominating committee of the church. They serve one-year terms.

What

What are the responsibilities of a Sunday School council?

Answering this question is a crucial step. The failure to take this step is one reason why many already established Sunday School councils are ineffective. They really do not know what they are supposed to do! If this is the case with your Sunday School council, then the next meetings should be devoted to determining your tasks.

The following are some proposed responsibilities for the Sunday School council:

1. To oversee the total Sunday School program.
2. To discover and address the needs and problems of the Sunday School.
3. To draft a statement of the purpose and objectives of the Sunday School.
4. To determine policies and set goals for the Sunday School.
5. To promote and publicize the Sunday School to the whole church.
6. To make a quarterly report to the church on the Sunday School program, especially its progress and needs.
7. To plan the budget of the Sunday School which is to be recommended to the church.
8. To provide adequate supplies and equipment to all Sunday School workers.
9. To see to it that adequate space is provided for each class.
10. To set up new classes as needed.

11. To recommend curriculum materials.
12. To act as a nominating committee for the selection of Sunday School officers and teachers.
13. To maintain a cooperative relationship with the home.
14. To maintain a cooperative relationship with Sunday School interests and agencies in the denomination.
15. To keep informed about what is going on in Sunday School work.
16. To study your task and grow in your ability to function effectively.
17. To plan and direct the Sunday School outreach program.
18. To make a periodic evaluation of the Sunday School in light of stated objectives.
19. To provide training, supervision, and support for all Sunday School officers and teachers.
20. The primary objective of the Sunday School council is to promote the overall growth and improvement of the Sunday School.

Examine each of these in detail. Adapt them to your Sunday School. Add new ones. Drop the ones which do not apply. Make these your own.

How?

How can the council become equipped to carry out these responsibilities?

It is vital that the council members learn all they can about the work of the Sunday School. This is a constant need. It should have a high priority, especially at the beginning.

I recommend that the council members read and discuss a book on Sunday School work. This should be done as soon as possible. Time could be taken each council meeting for this.

There are many good books on the subject. Some are especially written for such councils. I recommend the following:

New Life in Your Sunday School, by Iris Cully
Basic Sunday School Work, by Harry Piland
Building an Effective Church School, by Kenneth Blazier
A Growing Church School, by Kenneth Blazier

There are many other excellent books, magazines, films, filmstrips, and other resources available. Feel free to call or write me for further recommendations of resources.

When?

When should the council meet?

The specific dates and times for the meetings have to be arranged around the schedules of the council members. However, it is a fact of life that it is often difficult to set a meeting that does not conflict with someone's schedule.

The real question is how often it should meet. Some meet on a quarterly basis. This means that the council will have only four meetings a year to

do all its works. This is totally inadequate. Bi-monthly is better, but this means only six meetings a year. I feel that it is best to meet at least on a monthly basis, scheduling extra sessions when needed.

Now let me offer some further advice.

Each meeting must be planned carefully. If they are not, then you will be wasting everyone's time. You all will end up very frustrated.

The superintendent, as chairman, and the pastor could get together well before each meeting to draw up an agenda. An agenda is simply an outline of the meeting, listing what items will be discussed and how much time will be given to the discussion of each item. The agenda is then sent to every council member at least a week before the meeting. This provides them time to look it over and begin thinking about the items to be addressed. This will help facilitate the meeting.

Another important thing to do is make sure that minutes are taken for each meeting. The Sunday School secretary could do this. A copy of the minutes from the last meeting should be sent with the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Keep the church informed about what the council is doing. Use your church bulletin or newsletter. Make periodic announcements. Ask for the prayers of the church.

When you have your final list of responsibilities, make copies for church members. Pass them out in a quarterly conference. The church needs to know what you are doing. You need to have the approval of the church, as well as its support. And this is a way of reminding the church that the Sunday School is a vital part of the church and that it is the responsibility of the whole church!

Seek constantly to grow in your knowledge of Sunday School work and in your ability to carry out your responsibilities as a council. Read all you can. Have a resource person come from time to time to speak on some topic relevant to your situation. Take advantage of our certification program.

Do not take on too much at once. Prioritize. What are two or three major and pressing needs in your Sunday School? Concentrate on these.

Plan! Plan! Plan! And plan well! Make short-term plans and set long-range goals. Where do you want your Sunday School in a year? What changes would you like to see in it in three years? In five years?

Work hard! Pray without ceasing! Study! The Lord will bless your efforts. Your Sunday School can grow and improve!



The Rivenbark family—(left to right) Fred Jr., Mrs. Rivenbark, June R. Critcher, Mr. Rivenbark, and Faye R. Davis.

A SPECIAL FOUNDERS DAY AT MOC

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The 34th anniversary of the founding of Mount Olive College was celebrated on Tuesday, November 26, 1985, in College Hall. This was a special commemoration because the Founders Day speaker was the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, a native of Mount Olive and a minister in the Free Will Baptist Church for fifty years. "Fred Rivenbark never sought greatness, only to serve. But he has attained greatness by his work as minister and servant" said Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College.

Members One of Another

Mr. Rivenbark's address, entitled "Members One of Another," developed the idea that "Christ associates us with Himself in a most intimate union. He is the Foundation—and we are the building; Christ is the Vine—we are the branches; Christ is the Shepherd—we are the flock; Christ is the Husband—we are

the bride; Christ is the Head—we are the members."

Using the idea that Christ is the Head of the church and the members are its body, Mr. Rivenbark emphasized four points. First, he said, because Christ is the Head, the body must take directions from Him. "Sometimes we get this turned around—and we want to give directions to God." He said that this often occurred in subtle ways. "For example, we make our plans first, but then pray to God to bless them, rather than asking God what His plans are for us."

Second, Mr. Rivenbark said that the Head is dependent upon the body. Christ needs us to carry out His work for Him. We must be Christ's hands, feet and tongue. The third point was that the body is dependent upon the Head for its direction. "Jesus says: 'Apart from Me you can do nothing.' No kind of activity makes sense apart from Him. All through the day we must stay tuned in to Him and listen to His voice."

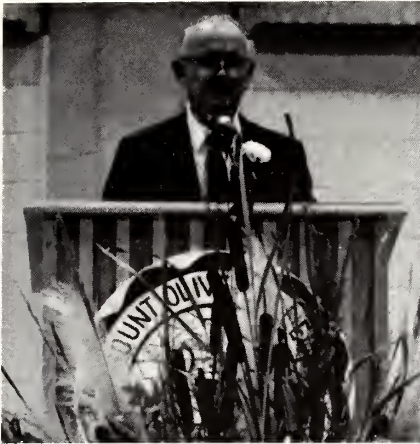
Finally, he said, "The members of the body are interdependent." Just as it takes

many parts of our body acting together to perform a simple act like eating an apple, so it takes the members of Christ's body acting together to perform His work. Furthermore, just as our bodies are made up of different parts, so the members of the body of Christ are not all alike. "Although there is unity, there is not uniformity. Each of us is distinctively different. We are formed by God to do a unique work for Him." Mr. Rivenbark stressed that interdependence also means that the members of Christ's body must help one another. "When one member of the body hurts, the entire body hurts. The New Testament tells us that we are responsible for one another."

Special Presentations

Mr. Rivenbark's Founders Day message was the high point of a program which included music by the Mount Olive Concert Choir and the presentation of awards and certificates to trustees, faculty, and staff.

Mrs. Mildred Southerland Council was awarded the status of "Librarian Emeritus" for her service to the College as librarian from 1955 to 1965. Three faculty members were recognized for six years of service to the College: Dr. Opey Dew Jeanes of Mount Olive, vice president and dean; Donald Harry Leacott of Goldsboro, coordinator of the Mount Olive College Program at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base; and Dr. Pepper Worthington of Kinston, head of the Department of Languages and Literature. In addition, two trustees, Charles W. Pittman III, of Wilson, and Sherrill Williams, of Newton Grove, received recognition for their six years of service.



"PASTOR DELUXE" —FRED A. RIVENBARK

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"Servant," "pastor" and "father"—the tributes surrounded the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark in the candlelit room at Mount Olive College. The occasion was a dinner for Mr. Rivenbark in appreciation of his 50 years of ministerial service to Original Free Will Baptists. The dinner was attended by 150 of Mr. and Mrs. Rivenbarks' friends.

The three Rivenbark children were on hand along with their parents to greet the guests. Fred Jr. came from Towson, Maryland; June Rivenbark Critcher came from Nashville, Tennessee; and Faye Rivenbark Davis arrived from Dumfries, Virginia. The time was made more special because it was the first time in years that the children and their parents had been together "all by ourselves."

Tributes were offered by the Rev. Walter Reynolds; Robert Currie, Sherron Acres Church; Quinton Hare, Stoney Creek Church; Mrs. Daphne Dixon, Wilson First Church; the Rev. Gary M. Bailey, pastor of Stoney Creek Church; and Fred A. Rivenbark Jr.

Mr. Rivenbark was characterized as "a man who did what

God wanted him to do and went where God wanted him to go—a man who accomplished what he set out to be—a pastor."

Mrs. Alma Dale of Spring Hill Church sang "It's My Desire." The Rev. Roy Clifton, pastor of Sherron Acres Church, prayed the invocation and the Rev. Craig Simmons, pastor of Wilson Church, offered the benediction.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, thanked the Rivenbarks for their service. He asked, "I wonder how many people here tonight were converted under Brother Rivenbark?" Several people stood up including the Rivenbark children. "What a sense of satisfaction that must be to you when your own children stand," Dr. Raper said to the beaming guest of honor.

In his response Mr. Rivenbark expressed gratitude to his family and told his friends, "I thank each of you for coming here tonight. You move my heart.

"When I think of it, it is hard for me to conceive that I've been in the ministry for 50 years. I have been able to serve as I have because of His goodness and His mercy."

Many of the guests made a gift to the Rivenbark Scholarship Endowment, a fund for the education of those who are studying for the Christian ministry.

Mr. Rivenbark thanked those who contributed to the Endowment. "Some day we'll all die," he said. "What we invest in the lives of young men and women will go on. There is no limit to the growth of Mount Olive College. It is our college and we're proud of it."

The love for the Rivenbarks warmed the room as one guest after another hugged Fred and Pat—and remembered.

FREE WILL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS NAMED AT MOC

Free Will Baptist Fellowship officers for the 1985-86 year have been named at Mount Olive College. The newly-elected officers are Frankie Baggett of Jacksonville, president; Malcolm Shivers of Richlands, vice president; Wanda Jones of Pine Level, secretary; Rhonda Flowers of Carrboro, treasurer; and Michael Hodges of Vanceboro, member at large.

James Williams of Newton Grove, Kim Anderson of Pink Hill, and Patrick Best of Pinetown will serve as pianists; and Gloria Richardson of Goldsboro and Jon Collier of Zebulon as song leaders.

Publicity committee members are Beth Bass of Kenly, chairman; Jennifer Williams of Faison; Tanya Newsome of Deep Run; and Marsha Raynor of Princeton.

The Fellowship meets weekly and is open to all students. Mrs. Dianne B. Riley serves as the advisor.

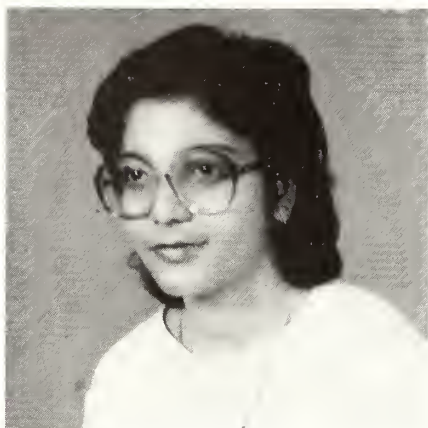
DAUGHTER OF INDIAN MISSIONARY TO ATTEND MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

*by Patti O'Donoghue
Director of Public Information*

A young Indian woman, Reena Lall, will soon savor the delights of southern living. Reena is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Lall. Dr. Lall is a native missionary for Free Will Baptists in India and a member of Stoney Creek Church near Goldsboro.

Bringing Reena to Mount Olive is a cooperative effort between the Foreign Missions Board and Mount Olive College. Thanks to the sense of Christian stewardship of many people, she has the opportunity to study

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Reena Lall

in the United States and to prepare herself for a business career.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Howell, of Pikeville, have chosen to be Reena's "American parents" and to provide a "home away from home" during holidays and on some weekends.

"We want Reena to feel a part of our family," says Mrs. Howell. "We want to involve her in our family activities and traditions—to get a taste of southern living, as well as college life in the United States. We know we are the ones who will be blessed by having her as part of our family."

Individuals and churches came forward to sponsor Reena's education. Pooling resources to pay for her fees, tuition, and college expenses, are Pleasant Grove Church in Pikeville, Fidelis Sunday School Class of Shady Grove Church near Dunn, Senders Fellowship of Pikeville, and Mr. and Mrs. Howell.

The good being done for Reena through the combined efforts of so many is expressed in a letter to Dianne B. Riley, the director of admissions. Reena writes,

I am so thankful to the college authorities for helping me out. I am real excited to study abroad in the great land of the U.S.A. I thank God for this privilege. God will bless you richly.



Wayne County dinner "best ever"—The churches of Wayne County contributed \$32,295 in gift support for Mount Olive College. Pictured following the dinner, which was held in College Hall, are, from left, Jean F. Ackiss, director of church support and coordinator of the dinners; Borden Howell of Spring Hill Church; Joe Rollins of Pleasant Grove Church; and Bettie Talton, Wayne County dinner chairman (photo by Ben Rollins).

"LARGEST INCREASE" BRINGS 1985 DINNER GOAL OVER THE TOP!

"We had an increase of \$18,670 over last year's gifts of \$183,987," said Jean F. Ackiss, coordinator of the 17 annual gift support dinners for Mount Olive College. "Our goal for this year was \$200,000. We raised \$202,657. This is the largest increase we have ever had!"

Mrs. Ackiss feels that two factors contributed to the increase in giving.

"Number one is that our people really want a four-year college," she said. "And the second factor is that we initiated a new program last year called Bridge Builders."

Bridge Builders are individuals or families who give/pledge \$100 or more at the dinners. There are three Bridge Builders Clubs—\$100-499, College Club; \$500-999, President's Club; and \$1,000 and over, Trustees' Club.

"We had 480 Bridge Builders this year, an increase of 157. That greatly influenced our gifts," she added.

Fourteen counties exceeded their 1984 dinner gifts. Of special note is the Wayne County gift support dinner which was "the best ever in the history of Mount Olive College."

Wayne County distinguished itself in two ways. First, the county made the largest contribution of any county in the history of the dinners—\$32,295.60, which was \$12,045.60 over their goal of \$20,250. Second, Spring Hill Church, with a membership of 92, contributed \$7,305. This is the largest amount ever given by a single church. The Wayne County folks exceeded all expectations!

"These dinners provide more than gift support," says Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. "They provide a period of fellowship and let Free Will Baptists share in the ministry of Mount Olive College."



1985 DINNER HIGHLIGHTS

EDGEcombe-HALIFAX COUNTIES, Rufus Harrell, chairman. Goal-\$5,925, gifts received-\$6,090. Scholarship winners: Peace Church, most high school students and most per capita; and First Church of Tarboro, largest amount, \$3,267.

LENOIR COUNTY, Stanley Jenkins, chairman. Goal-\$8,350, gifts received-\$7,326.51. Scholarship winners: British Chapel Church, most high school students; and White Oak Grove Church, most per capita and largest amount, \$1,731.51.

NASH COUNTY, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman. Goal-\$4,400, gifts received-\$4,471.13. Scholarship winner in all categories: Barnes Hill Church, amount, \$1,482.

ONSLOW-NEW HANOVER-BRUNSWICK COUNTIES, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, chairman. Goal-\$3,100, gifts received-\$2,783. Scholarship winner in all categories: Folkstone Church, amount, \$1,687.

BEAUFORT COUNTY, William (Billy) Gurkin, chairman. Goal-\$8,765, gifts received-\$8,260.50. Scholarship winner in all categories: Smyrna Church, amount, \$1,700.

GREENE COUNTY, Mrs. Lena Walston, chairman. Goal-\$12,050, gifts received-\$12,982. Scholarship winners: Howell

Swamp Church, most per capita; and Free Union Church, most high school students and largest amount, \$2,300.

DUPLIN COUNTY, William D. Thigpen, chairman. Goal-\$10,750, gifts received-\$9,316. Scholarship winners: Piney Grove Church, most high school students; Pearsall's Chapel, most per capita; and Beulaville Church and Sandy Plain Church, tied for largest amount, \$1,210.

WAYNE COUNTY, Mrs. Bettie B. Talton, chairman. Goal-\$20,250, gifts received-\$32,295.60. Scholarship winners: Pleasant Hill Church, most high school students; and Spring Hill Church, most per capita and largest amount, \$7,305.

JONES COUNTY, Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, chairman. Goal-\$2,550, gifts received-\$1,775. Scholarship winners: Whaley's Chapel Church, most high school students; and Friendship Church, most per capita and largest amount, \$905.

JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES, the Revs. Donald Coates and K. Alan Lamm, co-chairmen. Goal-\$30,810, gifts received-\$27,550.08. Scholarship winners: Everett Chapel Church, most high school students; Hopewell Church, most per capita and largest amount, \$4,627.

CARTERET COUNTY, Reginald Styron, chairman. Goal-\$9,350, gifts received-\$9,541.17. Scholarship winners: Sound View Church, most high school students; Pilgrim's Rest Church, most per capita; and Holly Springs Church, largest amount, \$3,294.

WASHINGTON-TYRRELL-MARTIN-PASQUOTANK COUNTIES, David Cahoon, chairman. Goal-\$6,825, gifts received-\$5,710. Scholarship winner in all categories: Sound Side Church, amount, \$1,355.

CRAVEN COUNTY, Miss Marice DeBruhl, chairman. Goal-\$13,350, gifts received-\$12,356. Scholarship winners: Macedonia Church, most high school students; Juniper Chapel Church, most per capita; and Saint Mary's Church and Juniper Chapel, largest amount.

PAMLICO COUNTY, L. R. (Reggie) Caroon, chairman. Goal-\$6,650, gifts received, \$7,807.50. Scholarship winners: Arapahoe Church, most high school students; and Mount Zion Church, most per capita and largest amount, \$1,440.

WILSON COUNTY, James B. Hunt, chairman. Goal-\$22,450, gifts received-\$21,170. Scholarship winners: Daniels Chapel Church, most high school students; Saint Mary's Church, most per capita; and Marsh Swamp Church, largest amount, \$4,320.95.

PITT COUNTY, Mrs. Dorothy Dail, chairman. Goal-\$21,900, gifts received, \$20,972.03. Scholarship winners: Marlboro Church, most high school students; Ayden Church, most per capita; and Gum Swamp Church, largest amount, \$2,655.

SAMPSON-HARNETT-CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman. Goal-\$10,100, gifts received-\$9,744.27. Scholarship winners: Shady Grove Church, most high school students; and Lee's Chapel Church, most per capita and largest amount, \$3,950.

SMITHFIELD CHURCH CELEBRATES HOMECOMING: Sunday, November 17th, was homecoming at First Church, Smithfield. One hundred and forty people gathered to hear Dr. Burkette Raper, guest speaker, deliver the morning sermon. Many old and new friends were present for this annual event, which was topped off by a fine meal provided by the church folks.

The evening service guest speaker was Dr. James M. Efird, professor at Duke University. Dr. Efird's presentation centered on how to properly interpret the Bible. A question and answer period was provided at the conclusion.

The Rev. K. Alan Lamm is the pastor of the church.

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE: A number of Free Will Baptist ministers will be attending an Evangelism Explosion III International Clinic, in April, 1986. The Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Church and chairman of the Home Missions Board, will lead a group of ministers to Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 25-30, 1986. Mr. Well's telephone number is 243-6498, and his address is Route 1, Box 67-A, Sims, NC 27880.

Tuition cost is \$295, of which the \$95 registration fee is nonrefundable. The balance of each person's tuition is payable on arrival at the host church. This covers materials, instruction and the expense of evening meals. Lunch will be at your own expense at a local restaurant.

Lodging will be arranged by the host church in the homes of members and EE participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Local motel information for accommodations will be provided upon request.

Evangelism Explosion III International was founded

by Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to fulfill the command of Jesus in the Great Commission to carry the gospel to all the world.

The clinic consists of lectures, discussions, demonstrations and "on-the-job" training. Each participant has the opportunity to see the gospel presented in a real-life situation. Going on actual calls with experienced EE trainers, the clinician first sees the gospel presented and finally shares the presentation himself.

The clinic is a six-day event beginning with registration on Friday and concluding on Wednesday night of the following week. It is essential that each person complete the entire schedule, including the Sunday worship services at the host church.

Each local church is encouraged to underwrite its pastor's expense.

For more information, you may contact the Rev. Ray Wells, or Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

THE WINTERVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Winterville, had a Dedication Service on November 17, 1985. Mr. George Shoe, architect, was there to present the keys to the trustees. The pastor, the Rev. Ed Taylor, spoke on "A Dream Come True," and also led the dedication.

The Winterville Church began planning the new facility in 1972, when they purchased the land. The ground-breaking service was held in October, 1981, and the cornerstone was laid in October, 1982. The congregation began worship services in the Fellowship Hall in March, 1984. Completion of the interior of the sanctuary began in the spring of 1985,

with the first service being held November 10, 1985.

The Christian Fellowship Class presented a Kawai grand piano in memory of Mr. Randolph Harris, and a Hammond organ in memory of "little" Christy Williams. The Messengers Quartet gave the funds for the church sign in memory of Mr. Clyde Hines.

There have been numerous memorial and honorary gifts to the church which add to the beauty and usefulness of the building, including pews, carpet, parlor furniture, the sound system and kitchen appliances. The congregation is grateful for everything which has been given.

A Christian flag and a United States flag were given by the Woodmen of the World Insurance Company.

Following the dedication, Open House was held to which approximately 225 persons registered. Special thanks from the pastor, the Rev. Ed Taylor, and the congregation for making this special day a success.

THE SECOND UNION of the Western Conference will convene with Union Chapel Church near Middlesex on December 28, 1985, at 7 p.m.

THE FOURTH UNION OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE will meet at Otter's Creek Church on December 29. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Moderator's Remarks
 - Hymn 106, "Jesus Saves"
 - Welcome, R. A. Hamilton
 - Response, Donald Webb
 - Mount Olive College Report
 - Missions Report
 - Children's Home Report
 - Special Music, La Grange Church

11:30—Morning Message, the Rev. Jack Scarborough

12:15—Lunch

1:15—Hymn 185, "There Is Power in the Blood"
—Business Session
—Program, Local Church

2:15—Adjournment

FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez, president, advises that the spring meeting of the Free Will Baptist Historical Society is being planned and an announcement of specific time and place will be made later. There will be no fall meeting this year.

NAE SPEAKS OUT ON EXPLICIT LYRICS AND FEDERAL DEFICIT: Harmful music lyrics and the runaway federal deficit were the subjects of official statements unanimously adopted by the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals at their semi-annual meeting in Chicago.

The statements as adopted read as follows:

Ratings of Musical Lyrics: Parents and citizens are duly alarmed by the lyrics of explicit and perverted sex and violence on audio and visual musical media which are openly marketed for children and teenagers. Because the freedom of speech guaranteed in the First Amendment is based upon responsibility for the common good, we support the organized efforts that are calling for ratings of music media as a guide for parents and protection for the young.

The Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals urges that the music publishers exercise their responsibility by setting up a self-rating and self-governing system. If they do not, we urge Congress to enact legislation requiring the ratings consistent with its constitutional responsibility to protect the health,

safety and welfare of its people, including our youth.

Federal Deficit: A runaway Federal deficit is a moral issue that threatens our future. Our freedom as well as our quality of life is at stake.

- * Economic recession will take away jobs, especially from women, youth and ethnic minorities.

- * An inflationary dollar will affect first the poor, hungry, sick and aged.

- * A loss of confidence in the world market will make us a debtor nation.

To mortgage our future today is to invite governmental intervention tomorrow which will have social and spiritual as well as economic and political repercussions. Paul, in Romans 13, instructs Christians to avoid debt because it restricts their freedom. The same principle applies to our federal debt. Debt and loss of freedom are inseparably entwined. Therefore, the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals urges Congress to enact legislation reducing the current deficit and requiring a balanced budget.

The National Association of Evangelicals, organized in 1942, represents 43,000 churches from more than 70 denominations, as well as numerous Christian schools and organizations.

THE ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION BANQUET was held on November 15, at 7 p.m.,

at the Sound View Restaurant, in Washington County. There were approximately 70 in attendance.

After everyone enjoyed the meal, the Convention President, Gary Burbage, welcomed everyone. The Rev. Raymond Lagcher led in prayer. All pastors, superintendents, officers, teachers, and their spouses were welcomed, as were all visitors.

The Rev. Charles Parrish introduced the speaker for the evening, Gary Burbage, at the completion of the congregational hymn, "I Want to Be a Worker." Mr. Burbage outlined the responsibilities of Sunday School workers and pointed out the need for training young people. He particularly noted the importance of making the church educational program interesting.

At the close of the meeting, the eight ministers in attendance prayed with the teachers, assistants, and officers present; the Rev. Aubrey Williamson led this prayer.

DRUG USE AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DROPS NEARLY 10 PERCENT SINCE 1979: Use of marijuana and other drugs by high school students in the United States has dropped nearly 10 percent according to a research study conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research. Marijuana use by high school seniors stood at 51 percent in 1979 and had dropped to 42 percent in 1983. This change represents an apparent change in

attitude by high school seniors according to the researchers who conducted the study of 17,000 students. In 1983, 63 percent of the high school seniors believed that regular use of marijuana would be harmful as against 35 percent who felt this way in 1978. A decline in the use of other drugs such as amphetamines, barbiturates, quaaludes, and LSD was also in the University of Michigan study. The use of heroin and cocaine, however, remains virtually unchanged since 1979. The 1983 senior high school students who were surveyed indicated that 16 percent had used cocaine at some time, nine percent had experimented with some sort of opiate other than heroin and 1.2 had tried using heroin. Daily use of alcohol was reported by 5.5 percent of the seniors, but 41 percent had reported taking five or more drinks in a row during a previous two-week interval. Following a sharp drop in cigarette smoking between 1977 and 1980, cigarette smoking by seniors has remained at a relatively constant 21 percent since then.

MORE TEENS TODAY BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY THAN FIVE YEARS AGO: Today some 55 percent of teens interviewed in a Gallup poll indicated that they believe in astrology, compared with only 40 percent in 1978. Overall, eight out of every 10 teens indicate that they believe in at least one of eight supernatural phenomena listed in the survey. More teens, 69

percent, believe in angels than any other supernatural phenomena listed in the survey. Younger teens, ages 13-15, had a greater tendency to believe in angels (73 percent) than older teens (65 percent). Overall, belief in angels among teens is up five percent from 1978. Six of every 10 teens believe in extra sensory perception (ESP). This marks a decrease from 1978, when 67 percent said they believed in ESP. Astrology was in third place in the 1984 list. More young teens (59 percent) and young women (58 percent) believe in astrology than the 55 percent of teens as a whole.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Bass Mitchell, field secretary for the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Sunday School Convention, has a new address as of December 9, 1985. His new address is: Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. William Littleton, a member in good standing with the Eastern Conference, announces that he will be available for full-time pastoral work after the second Sunday in February. Anyone interested in his services can contact him by phoning 745-5310, or by writing to him at the following address: Box 81, Lowland, NC 28552.

The Rev. Robert Rollins is also available for pastoral services. Contact him by writing to him at 109 Warren Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530; phone 735-1037.

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Dear Fellow Minister:

The Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association of North Carolina would like to invite you to the annual Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet. This year's banquet will be held on Friday, February 7, 1986. Mount Olive College will be our host for the evening. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$6 per person and will begin at 7 p.m. We look forward with great anticipation to our program this year. The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark from Durham will be the speaker.

We invite minister's widows to be our guests on this occasion. We ask our ministers to help the Executive Committee extend to them a special invitation. Ministers should complete the pre-registration form and send it with your \$6 per person to: Calvin A. Heath, Route 1, Box 288, Dunn, NC 28334, before January 29, 1986. Please make checks payable to: N.C. Ministerial Association.

The Executive Committee would also encourage our ministers to consider an invitation by the General Baptist Minister's Conference to join with them in study and fellowship May 20-22, 1986, at Cragmont Assembly.

In His service,
Calvin A. Heath, Secretary
N.C. Ministerial Association

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet

I, _____, will be attending the Banquet on February 7, and am sending
\$ _____ for the meal, and will have _____ guest(s) with me.

September 12, 1985

TO: ALL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS
FROM: GENERAL BAPTIST BROTHERS IN THE MINISTRY
SUBJECT: THE GENERAL BAPTIST MINISTER'S CONFERENCE
WHEN: MAY 20-22, 1986
WHERE: CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY CAMPGROUND

Dear Brothers in Christ:

The purpose of this letter is to invite and encourage your attendance. The theme this year is "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee . . ." (2 Timothy 2:15). Dr. Ralph Hardee is the keynote speaker.

Your General Baptist brothers in the ministry desire to get acquainted with their Free Will Baptist brothers in the ministry. Would you please come worship, study, pray and fellowship with us this year at your Cragmont Assembly campground May 20-22, 1986? There should be 125 to 135 of us looking for you. We need YOU!

Your brother in Christ,
Mack Williams

YOU AND OTHERS

Usually at the end of the year, we all examine the last twelve months. We think about our lives, both the good things and the bad. We try to determine ways to make the bad things into good things during the coming year, so that when we reminisce next December, we will have no regrets. Probably a great deal of our evaluation calls for us to think about our personal relationships. We have to come to grips with how we really feel about others. Let's look at this a little closer; let's ask ourselves how we really feel about other human beings.

How you feel about others is important for three reasons (among others): First, it affects—if not determines—the way they feel about you. Second, it has a lot to do with how much you enjoy life. Third, it shows clearly your attitude toward God.

Perhaps you are one of those Christians who is attractive, warm, happy, friendly and outgoing. You enjoy people and people enjoy you. You have no social problems because you have good rapport with the human race.

You may, by nature or environment, be socially well-adjusted. Or this ability to make touch with people may be the result of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You have been delivered from self, set free from its over-sensitivities and demands for attention, and refocused so that your first interest is reaching out and ministering to others for Christ's sake, for this is not so much a duty as a delight.

If a church has even a small minority of such members, they can be a tremendous addition to the local fellowship of Christians.

Perhaps you have decided that you don't need people, that your life is full enough with your family and other responsibilities. Or maybe people have disappointed you. When you trusted them, they let you down. Or perhaps you pretend you don't need friends because you've been rejected in the past and don't want to risk that failure again. It has been suggested by many psychologists that people who claim to prefer to be alone usually unconsciously resent others' not accepting them. It's true that while some people are naturally more outgoing and gregarious, others are constitutionally content to be alone.

But there's a difference between solitude and isolation. Everyone needs to know how to be

alone some of the time and enjoy it. There's nothing unhealthy about liking to be alone at times, but one is sick who prefers isolation—complete separation from people.

Even though some rugged Christians may profess no interest in being personally accepted by others, this doesn't at all clear them of responsibility toward the many who need and long for acceptance and friends.

It's certainly true that when you wall yourself off from people, keep them at arm's length and act as though you don't need or want any closer relationship, they sense it. The message gets through, whether it registers consciously or unconsciously. Folks learn that people are just not your dish. You can do without them—and presto, they can do without you.

Strangely enough, you may cloak this attitude in a robe of super-piety: God has accepted you and loves you, and that is quite enough for you! Actually, such an attitude makes you quite snobbish—closed to people—and shuts you off from opportunities to know and help meet personal needs around you.

The truly spiritual Christian will be open, available, reaching out to touch others. People instinctively sense this availability and respond to it. An attitude of relaxed openness to people can come to you if you really want it. God can set you free from yourself and make you simply able to be interested in others; you can become open to whatever relationships that openness might bring.

Each of us needs to remember that no one is perfect. Back of any imperfection is a person—a human being like ourselves, loved by God, one for whom Christ died. And if this person is a believer he is in a special way our brother in Christ. We are members of the same family.

When you look at other Christians—any of them—remember this: Whether you like or dislike them, you belong to them and they belong to you. You cannot decide whether you will be related to them or not. You are already related to them in a vital, supernatural, never-to-end way. We are not separate units, but intimately related in Christ; we are all members of one body, Christ's.

How much you enjoy life will depend to a large degree in how much you enjoy the human race—people in general, not just a chosen circle of special friends.

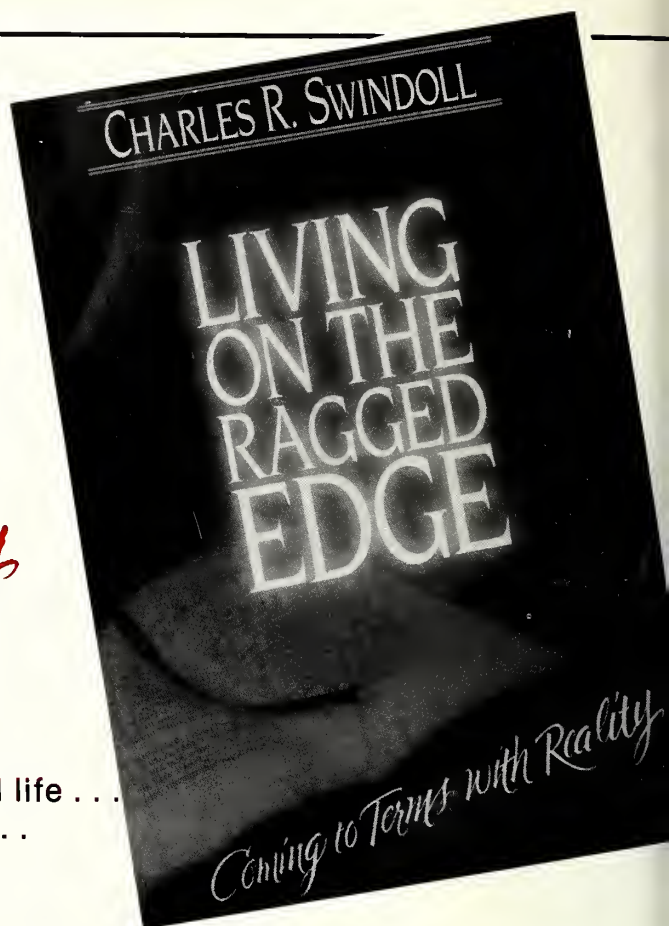
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LIVING ON THE RAGGED EDGE

Coming to Terms with Reality

CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

For all who are caught up in this rat race called life . . .
For all who are pushing for more, more, more . . .
For all who are living on the ragged edge . . .
Here's straight talk on coping with life as it is.



In a world where success is measured by money, where "he who has the most toys wins," where anxiety, pressure, ulcers and stress are as common as gray flannel suits, Charles R. Swindoll brings us some good news—how to find joy and peace and happiness in the struggle! Exploring Solomon's ancient journal, *Ecclesiastes*, he offers new insights into the young king's quest to find pleasure in life under the sun—in work, lust, money, "toys"—and why such a pursuit is like "trying to catch the wind." Solomon's ancient journal is filled with comments and questions we all ask about the futility of life . . . the emptiness, the disillusionment, the loneliness, the disappointments, the injustice of it all. But in twenty-four straight-shooting chapters, Chuck Swindoll shows how to *enjoy* life—the bottom line of reality for everyday living:

- how to survive the rat race
- how to "be bullish"
- how to find wisdom
- how to make the most of old age
- how to stop existing and start living

You'll see yourself in these pages as Chuck Swindoll explores the young monarch's desperate search for something—anything—to satisfy. And best of all, you'll learn how to come to terms with reality as you discover the special ingredient that can bring lasting satisfaction to all of us living on the ragged edge.

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"Books are masters who instruct us without words or anger, without bread or money. If you approach them, they are not asleep. If you seek them, they do not hide, if you blunder, they do not scold, if you are ignorant, they do not laugh at you."

—Anonymous

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A NEW DAY

Yes, we are well into a new year. The trouble is, 1985 went by so quickly, I'm not really sure most of us realize it's gone.

The year saw Coke being "it" and nearly not being at all; "Cabbage Patch" dolls started getting braces and wearing glasses; and organizers became the latest rage with the unorganized hoping to get it all together. Mikhail Gorbachev, the new charismatic Kremlin leader, met with President Reagan and a new "romance" of sorts began to blossom.

The year was one characterized by a dizzying procession of terrorist nightmares. Natural and man-made disasters caused many innocent victims to suffer, as volcanoes erupted, earthquakes shattered foundations and engulfed land masses, air crashes became common occurrences, and famines killed thousands more.

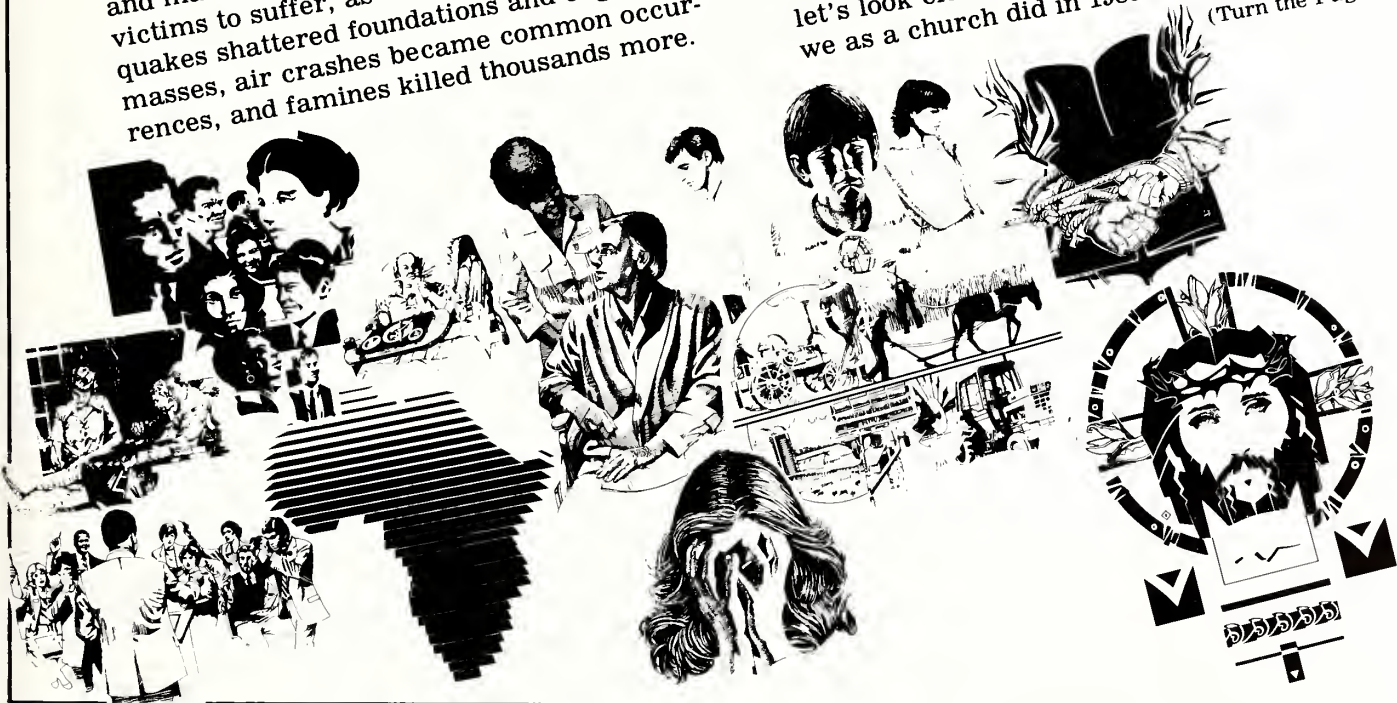
The plight of the American farmer worsened last year. Many who faced foreclosure could not come to grips with their situation and took their own lives—only to make matters more horrible for their families.

Karen Ann Quinlan, whose condition sparked the right-to-die debate in 1975, died, as did Rock Hudson. His announcement proclaiming himself to be an Aids victim startled the nation. Once more Americans had to face reality—ours is not a utopian state.

Even though 1985 was not really a good year in many aspects, there were reasons for hope. For once, it became fashionable to be charitable and Americans participated in a gush of fund-raising activities benefitting South Africa, Ethiopia, farmers and Aids victims.

And so went the world last year. But wait, let's look closer at home; let's examine what we as a church did in 1985.

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First, let's examine our denominational enterprises.

Enrollment at Mount Olive College reached an all-time high during 1985, when the first four-year class entered. (The first baccalaureate degrees are scheduled to be conferred on May 9, 1986.) Two apartment buildings were constructed on campus for additional student housing. The College attained candidate status for the four-year program from its accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The much needed work on the parking lot at College Hall began. The College enjoyed a record year in dinner gifts and was delighted that the Mount Olive College Singers could participate in President Reagan's inaugural activities. Lest we forget, the College's four-year charter went into space during the Spaceship Challenger's April 29—May 6 flight.

The Fred Bakers and Willem van der Plases completed language school last year and moved back to Palawan, where Palawan Bible Institute became Palawan Bible College. The Foreign Missions Board sponsored the World Missions Conference in March, with Dr. Paul Smith as its speaker. The Foreign Missions Board embarked on a building program for schools and congregations in India and surveyed the possibilities of work in Nigeria. (Such a work is not feasible at this time.) Dr.

Emmanuel Lall, director of the work in India, and Mrs. Lall visited the United States during the month of October and had an opportunity to meet with many of our people.

The Grifton Mission bought its property last year. Work was also begun on a deaf ministry in Wilson and a new home mission point in Whiteville. Dr. Jim Ponder spoke at the annual Night of Evangelism Service and the announcement of the Orvin B. Everett Sr. Endowment for Home Missions was made during the Missions Rally in September. The Home Missions Board was also able to purchase two thousand Bibles for the H'mongs. (They were delivered to the Rev. Bob Harber on January 15.)

Cragmont Assembly became the proud owners of a new walk-in freezer/cooler during 1985. This purchase permitted them to better plan their food purchases and realize savings. New programs and conferences were also added to the facility's calendar.

Last year, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home began its Friend of Children program. The Retirement Homes and Board of Superannuation also moved their offices. The Retirement Homes office is now located in the Headquarters Building in Ayden, and the Superannuation (or Ministers' Program) office moved out of the Headquarters to Kinston.

The Sunday School Convention, Mount Olive College, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, and the Ministerial Association jointly sponsored the Care and Grow Seminar in April. Dr. Curtis Schofield was the clinician.

The Convention itself adopted a five-year plan and encouraged each denominational enterprise to do the same. The Convention's program is as follows:

- I. One of the primary aims of the State Convention during the five-year period, 1985-1990, is to help those within and without our denomination know who Original Free Will Baptists are in light of our history, our distinctiveness as a church, our beliefs, and our work as servant of all. In order to achieve a new sense of identity, we must:
 - A. Provide resources to make our people and others aware of the vital role of Original Free Will Baptists in the world, in history, and at present.
 - B. Provide encouragement for total involvement of Original Free Will Baptists in the common goal of service.



- C. Promote the Original Free Will Baptist Church through the public media and literature.
- D. Use and encourage the use of our logo as a mark of our identity.

II. A second aim calls for a new vitality among our people, churches, conferences, and the enterprises of the Original Free Will Baptist Church. In order to achieve this needed revitalization, we must:

- A. Encourage a renewed emphasis on worship, prayer, Bible reading and study.
- B. Promote a focus on the servanthood of the body of Christ, and members in particular (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- C. Provide and identify resources for leadership development and training.

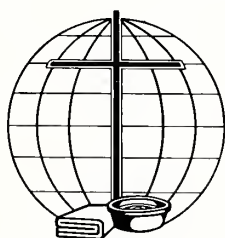
III. A third aim is growth. To expand the ministry of the local churches, conferences, and denomination, we must:

- A. Encourage the local churches, conferences, and enterprises to set goals for growth and develop a program for their accomplishment.
- B. Provide and identify resources which will enable Original Free Will Baptists to effectively plan and reach their goals for growth.

IV. A fourth aim is unification. We must work to unify Original Free Will Baptists by involving the people, churches, conferences, and enterprises in the shared ministry of service. In order to achieve a new sense of unification, the Executive Committee must:

- A. Co-ordinate the planning of the enterprises in order that unity might be promoted and we be found good stewards of our resources.
- B. Provide opportunities for cooperative planning and promotion by churches, conferences, and enterprises.
- C. Keep our people fully informed regarding the work and accomplishments of Original Free Will Baptists.
- D. Maintain an office in the Headquarters for the purpose of promoting the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

As its annual session, the Convention adopted a logo. It is shown for you here.



When the figures of the church letters were totaled, we did see a net increase for the year ending June 30, 1985. The increase for the denomination was 110. The trouble is, this increase can be accounted for by five churches which each had a net gain of twenty or more new members. (The churches? Gum Swamp Church, Marlboro Church, Tarboro Church, Central Conference; Good News Church, Rescue Church, Piedmont Conference.)

A careful examination of church records indicates that only eighty-six of our churches have increased in membership over the last ten years. As a whole, we have lost over three thousand members during that same time.

CONFERENCE	1975	1985
Albemarle	2222	1940
Cape Fear	4538	4013
Central	7594	7544
Eastern	10,719	9602
Pee Dee	1500	1675
Piedmont	898	724
Western	8267	7186
	35,738	32,684

(Figures based on Yearbook figures, with approximately the same number of churches reporting each year.)

We need to also realize that forty-nine percent of our church members are forty-five and older. Of those who are on our church rolls, a maximum of forty-six percent are in church on any given Sunday; only sixty-six percent are in Sunday School.

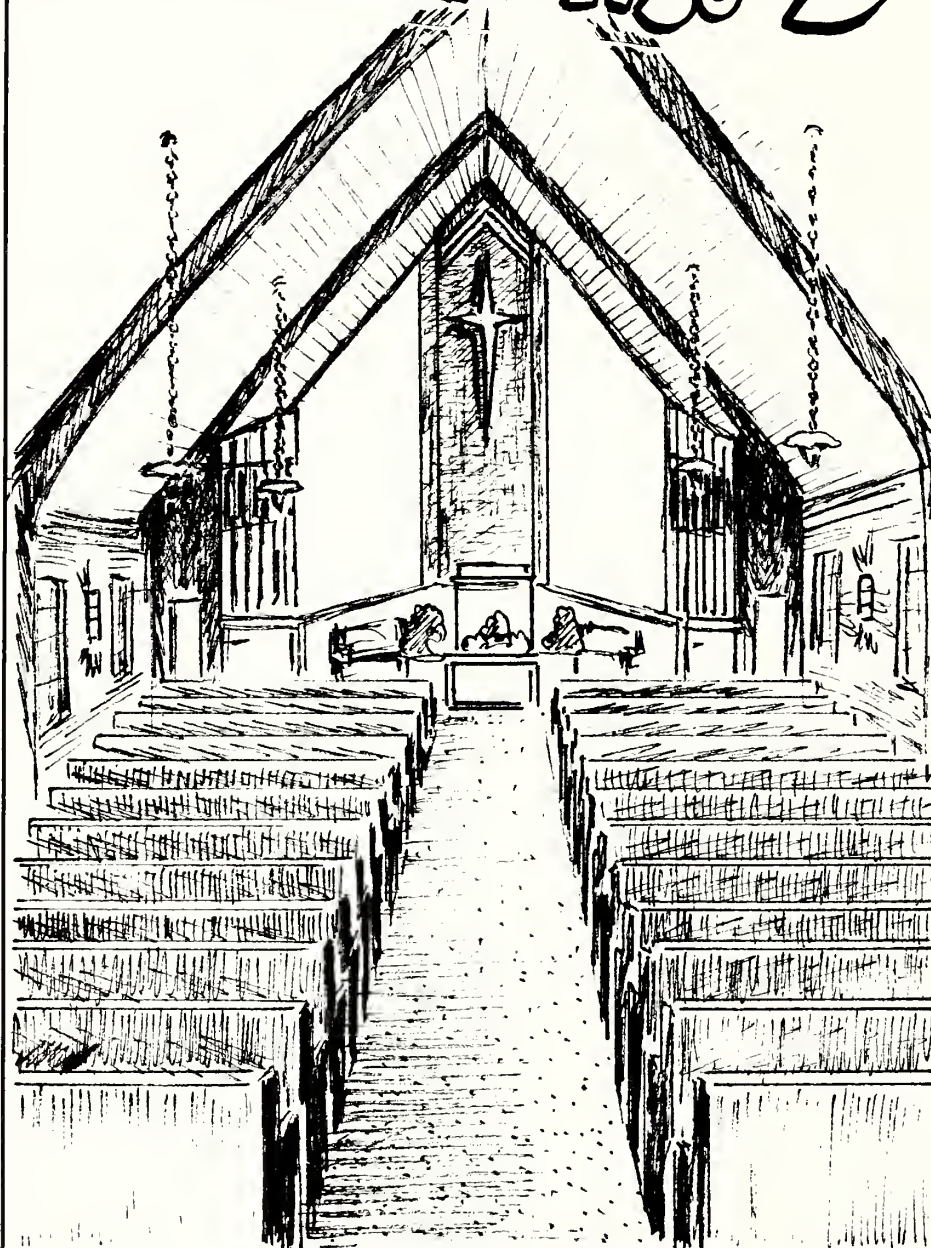
This is scary. Have we become more concerned with property than souls? Are cushions more important than converts? Has comfort replaced commitment? What does it matter if we belong to a church or are recognized by some enterprise if we do not live out our faith? Why should nearly all of our denominational enterprise directors spend more time begging for money than it would take to administer the program we need if the money were available? Aren't programs more important than raising money? Souls are! Have we got too many people employed? Should there be more results from the money that does come in? Are administration costs too high?

It is time that we seriously look at each enterprise and determine whether or not it is meeting the purpose for which it was established. It is time that we as church members look beyond ourselves, for it seems that we are only concerned about ourselves—and perhaps for our families. It is time that we do something—and tomorrow it may be too late.

This article by the well-known revivalist Charles Finney is adapted from the *Advent Review and Herald of the Sabbath* of July 29, 1875. The old-fashioned language may betray how many years have gone by since it was written, but preachers who follow these rules carefully can be certain of converting no one as were their colleagues of more than a century ago.

HOW TO PREACH SO AS TO CONVERT NOBODY

by Charles G. Finney



You don't want to be known as a negative preacher coming down hard on sin and making your people feel bad, do you? The world is too full of condemnation and stress as it is. What people need today is an upbeat message that reassures and gives some positive reinforcement to their lives. Here are forty-two tried and proved rules that are guaranteed to keep the sinners in your church comfortable and happy.

The design of this article is to propound several rules, by a steady conformity to any one of which, a man may preach so as to convert nobody. It is generally conceded at the present day that the Holy Spirit converts souls to Christ by means of truth adapted to that end.

Rule 1. Let your supreme motive be to secure your own popularity; then, of course, your preaching will be adapted to that end, and not to convert souls to Christ.

Rule 2. Aim at pleasing, rather than at converting, your hearers. Aim to make your hearers pleased with themselves and pleased with you, and be careful not to wound the feelings of anyone.

Rule 3. Aim at securing for yourself the reputation of a beautiful writer.

Rule 4. Let your sermons be written with a high degree of literary finish. Let your style be flowery, ornate, and quite above the comprehension of the common people. Give your sermons the form and substance of a flowing, beautifully written, but never-to-be-remembered essay, so that your hearers will say, "It was a beautiful sermon," but can give no further account of it.



Rule 5. Be sparing of thought, lest your sermon contain truth enough to convert a soul. Make no distinct points, and take up no disturbing issues with the consciences of your hearers, lest they remember these issues, and become alarmed about their souls.

Rule 6. Avoid preaching doctrines that are offensive to the carnal mind, lest they should say of you as they said of Christ, "This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" and lest you should injure your influence.

Rule 7. Denounce sin in the abstract, but make no allusion to the sins of your present audience. Avoid especially preaching to those who are present. Preach *about* sinners, and not *to* them. Say *they*, and not *you*, lest anyone should make a personal and saving application of your subject.

Rule 8. Keep the spirituality of God's holy Law, by which is the knowledge of sin, out of sight, lest the sinner should see his lost condition, and flee from the wrath to come.

Rule 9. Preach salvation by grace; but ignore the condemned and lost condition of the sinner, lest he should understand what you mean by grace, and feel his need of it.

Rule 10. Preach no searching sermons, lest you convict and convert the worldly members of your church.

Rule 11. Do not make the impression that God commands your hearers *now* and *here* to obey the truth.

Rule 12. Do not make the impression that you expect your hearers to commit themselves upon the spot, and give their hearts to God.

Rule 13. Leave the impression that they are expected to go away in their sins, and to consider the matter at their convenience.

Rule 14. Dwell much upon their inability to obey, and leave the impression that they must wait for God to change their natures.

Rule 15. Make no appeals to the fears of sinners; but leave the impression that they have no reason to fear.

Rule 16. Make the impression that if God is as good as you are He will send no one to Hell.

Rule 17. Preach the love of God, but ignore the holiness of His love that will by no means clear the impenitent sinner.

Rule 18. Try to convert sinners to Christ without producing any uncomfortable convictions of sin.

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Rule 19. Flatter the rich, so as to repel the poor, and you will convert none of either class.

Rule 20. Make no disagreeable allusions to the doctrines for self-denial, cross-bearing, and crucifixion to the world, lest you should convict and convert some of your church members.

Rule 21. Do not rebuke the worldly tendencies of the church, lest you should hurt their feelings, and finally convert some of them.

Rule 22. Should any express anxiety about their souls, do not probe them by any uncomfortable allusion to their sin and ill desert; but encourage them to join the church at once, and exhort them to assume their perfect safety within the fold.

Rule 23. Preach the love of Christ, not as enlightened benevolence, that is holy, just, and sin-hating; but as a sentiment, an involuntary and indiscriminating fondness.

Rule 24. Be sure *not* to represent religion as a state of loving self-sacrifice for God and souls; but rather a free and easy state of self-indulgence. By thus doing you will prevent sound conversions to Christ, and convert your hearers to yourself.

Rule 25. So select your themes and so present them as to attract and flatter the wealthy, aristocratic, self-indulgent, extravagant, pleasure-seeking classes, and you will not convert any of them to the cross-bearing religion of Christ.

Rule 26. Be time-serving, or you will endanger your salary; and, besides, if you speak out and are faithful, you may convert somebody.

Rule 27. Do not preach with a divine unction, lest your

preaching make a saving impression. To avoid this, do not maintain a close walk with God, but rely upon your learning and study.

Rule 28. Lest you should pray too much, engage in light reading and worldly amusements.

Rule 29. That your people may not think you in earnest to save their souls, and, as a consequence, heed your preaching, encourage church fairs, lotteries, and other gambling and worldly expedients to raise money for church purposes.

Rule 30. Do not rebuke extravagance in dress, lest you should uncomfortably impress your vain and worldly church members.

Rule 31. Ridicule solemn earnestness in pulling sinners out of the fire, and recommend, by precept and example, a jovial, fun-loving religion, and sinners will have little respect for your serious preaching.

Rule 32. Cultivate a fastidious taste in your people, by avoiding all disagreeable allusions to the last judgment and final retribution. Treat such uncomfortable doctrines as obsolete and out of place in these days of Christian refinement.

Rule 33. Do not commit yourself to much-needed reforms, lest you should compromise your popularity and injure your influence. Or you may make some branch of outward reform a hobby, and dwell so much upon it as to divert attention from the great work of converting souls to Christ.

Rule 34. So exhibit religion as to encourage the selfish pursuit of it. Make the impression upon sinners that their own safety and happiness is the supreme motive of being religious.

Rule 35. Do not lay much stress upon the efficacy or necessity of prayer, lest the Holy Spirit should be poured out upon you and the congregation, and sinners should be converted.

Rule 36. Make little or no impression upon your hearers, so that you can repeat your old sermons often without being noticed.

Rule 37. If your text suggests any alarming thought, pass lightly over it, and by no means dwell upon and enforce it.

Rule 38. Avoid all illustration, repetition, and emphatic sentences that may compel your people to remember what you say.

Rule 39. Avoid all heat and earnestness in your delivery, lest you make the impression that you really believe what you say.

Rule 40. Be tame and timid in presenting the claims of God, as would become you in presenting your own claims.

Rule 41. Be careful not to testify from your own personal experience of the power of the gospel, lest you should produce the conviction upon your hearers that you have something which they need.

Rule 42. See that you say nothing that will appear to any of your hearers to mean him or her, unless it be something flattering.

The experience of ministers who have steadily adhered to the above rules will attest the soul-destroying efficacy of such a course, and churches whose ministers have steadily conformed to any of these rules can testify that such preaching does not convert souls to Christ. If souls are converted in congregations cursed with such a ministry, it will be by other means than the preaching.



THE GOSSIP WITHIN

by John White

If tearing down others is a temptation, how can we overcome it? It's one of those tiny but disastrous things like termites in the rafters, a crack in a dam, a lighted cigarette tossed into a pine forest. Gossip shatters friendships, ruins marriages, breaks hearts, disrupts churches. And it is a problem that seems to be growing in Christian circles.

We can practice the fine art of gossip in several ways. If

we are not very expert, we can adopt the candid, blunt technique. We can say, "I don't have much use for Brother Brown," and then give the reasons. We don't hide our dislike; we might even add, "And I'd say so to his face!" This may not hoodwink anyone, but it sounds good.

Or we can be more subtle—a help in easing our consciences if God has been speaking to us about gossip. We can say, "Yes, she is a nice girl. Pity about her habit of . . ." and then spend ten minutes of run-

ning her down in a kindly sort of way.

The pseudospiritual approach offers variety. It might begin, "Mary needs our prayers. She has problems with her temper." Then follows a thorough analysis of Mary's spiritual weaknesses, so that others can pray "more intelligently" about it, later on.

We can pull someone to pieces with pious platitudes. Pastors and preachers are particularly easy meat. We can discuss their preaching, their wives, their children. If they dress badly, we can ask what kind of testimony they think it is to go round looking like tramps. If they dress nicely, we can wonder (aloud) where they get the money. The important thing, of course, is to make it clear it is the *testimony* we are worried about.

But whether the approach is direct or more subtle and oblique—wrapped in layers of pious phrases—backbiting is still backbiting. Beneath this apparent triviality lurks danger. The Bible places a gossip in the same bracket as an alcoholic. Titus 2:3 bids the older women "not to be slanderers or slaves to drink." In Paul's mind the one seems as bad as the other.

Disparaging others does the devil's work for him. He is the "accuser of the brethren." Gossip is even more effective when it walks about disguised as an angel of light.

When we put down someone, we not only create tragedy for others, we make difficulties for ourselves in at least two ways. First, others lose confidence in us. Second, we become abnormally conscious

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of how others may be criticizing *us*. We become extrasensitive to other people's opinions.

I was very fond (and still am) of a Christian worker who was always talking to me about the failures of other members of the group with whom we worked. My conscience protested, but I joined in the conversation. By the time I had known my friend three months, I had learned of the weaknesses of practically every other member of the team.

I don't remember when it began, but after a while I started feeling uneasy in my friend's presence. If he pulled other people to pieces when talking to me, did he pull *me* to pieces when talking to them? One day I discovered that he did. His criticisms of me, given me secondhand, shook me. Fortunately we were able to discuss the problem frankly, and we both learned a useful lesson. But often no such happy solution comes about. The intimacy established as two friends pull their acquaintances apart proves illusory. And, in time, it gives place to mutual distrust.

Why do we gossip? Because too often we find it enjoyable to learn about and discuss people's faults. "The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels" (Proverbs 26:22). The press discovered this long ago. Scandal makes news. As a British press lord put it rather crudely, "There's money in muck."

If we want to get at the root of the problem of criticism in Christian circles, we must ask ourselves *why* we criticize and gossip. What makes it so enjoyable? Obviously it goes back beyond lips. Critical words always come from a

critical heart. "Out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). If we are full of critical feelings toward other people, we won't be able to stop putting these feelings into words.

Some people criticize others because they flatter themselves that they are good judges of character. If Penelope (who is discerning) analyzes her friends' characters with Grace (who judges character even more discerningly), it is surprising how much human weakness—real or imaginary—they will discover between them. And in



doing so their self-importance will receive a big boost. So beware of that ability to assess character. It has its dangers.

An unconscious sense of our own failings and shortcomings will also make us want to criticize other people. Pulling others to pieces will make us feel better about ourselves. We begin to feel we're not so bad after all.

It's rather like the mental mechanism that makes me enjoy the naughtiness in other people's children. Staying with friends a short time ago, I noticed a strained expression on my hostess' face as her two-year-old acted up. Finally she said, "You must think Tommy's awfully badly behaved. He's not usually quite as bad as this."

"Not at all," I replied, hiding my joy with effort. I could afford to be gracious. I was luxuriating in the relief of knowing that my own children must be pretty normal.

The love for creating a sensation also makes us gossip. Have you ever stumbled across a bit of devastatingly scandalous news about an important figure in somebody else's church—the kind of thing that calls for gasps and tut-tuts? You could just imagine how people would react and how important you, the newsbearer, would become. And the more you thought about the sensation it would cause, the harder it became to hold your tongue. So you finally served it up with all the trimmings, making out of some man's personal tragedy and his relatives' pain a delicious feast of gossip.

Beneath all of the mechanism we have discussed lies one basic reason for gossip. We gossip because we fail to love. When we love people, we don't criticize them. "Love covers all offenses" (Proverbs 10:12). If we love them, their failures hurt. Paul says, "Love . . . does not rejoice at wrong" (1 Corinthians 13:5-6). We don't advertise the sins of people we love any more than we advertise our own. In fact, if we love somebody, we'll be very slow even to believe wrong about him or her. We'll be so anxious to believe the best that we'll be reluctant to face facts. We'll automatically play lawyer for the defense.

If tearing others down is a temptation, how can we overcome it? First, by not listening to gossip or criticism. When we listen we increase the gossip's sense of importance.

We give him or her an audience.

This is hard advice. We may really *want* to listen. And it is embarrassing to cut someone's gossip off in midstream. But we can be tactful in the way we do it. We might say, "Look, Bob, the Lord's shown me that I have a weakness for looking out for other people's failures. He's been dealing with me about it. If you don't mind, we'd better change the subject." Make the break clean. We will have made Bob search his own conscience and what's more, it will dawn on him someday that if we won't listen to his gossip about someone else, neither will we listen to someone else's gossip about him. He'll respect us for it.

My mother had an infallible method for coping with gossips and critics. I'll never forget the day when the lady next door was dripping vitriol about the neighbor on the far side. My mother took hold of her neighbor's arm. "Come on," she said, "let's go and talk to her about it." It was the last time our next door neighbor ever criticized another neighbor in my mother's presence.

She did the same with all the neighbors. Did she miss out on all the gossip? Well, maybe she did. I never asked her. But what she lost in back-fence gossip she gained in outpoured confidences. The women knew they could come to her with a personal problem or a heart-ache. They could trust her tongue.

I also recommend dealing with the feeling of criticism while it's still unspoken. Is the criticism real or imaginary? Does it deal with some grave sin in somebody, or is it just something that grates us the wrong way? Whichever it is,

we should take it to the Lord before we talk to anyone else. Read Proverbs 26:20 as you pray: "For lack of wood the fire goes out; and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases."

If our criticism concerns Jim Black, let's go first to Jim Black. Remember Paul's recommendation in Galatians about how we should approach Jim. "You who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).



It may be that distasteful information will have to be imparted to other Christians as well. Their well-being and the purity of the church may be involved. But let us ask these questions: Am I absolutely sure of the facts? Is there any beam in my own eye? Do I love this person—not in word only but in deed and truth? What is the best way of dealing with the problem? (The best way will never be to spill the beans to all your friends first.) Is there scriptural direction on how to deal with it?

Finally, if there is no need to talk, be silent. Keep quiet when the person's name comes up. Ask God to set a watch on your lips (Psalm 141:3).

Once a young man spread around a piece of criticism

(which later proved only half-true) about his elderly pastor which split the church and created a scandal. He later apologized and asked the old man what he could do to atone for his wrong. The pastor grabbed a feather pillow under his arm and took the fellow to the top of the church tower. Wind tugged at their hair, flapping their coattails against their legs as they looked giddily at the village and fields below them. The pastor handed the young man the pillow.

"Rip it open," he said.

The boy was perplexed. But he did what he was told. Instantly the wind seized the feathers, tossing them in flurries into the air. A cloud of feathers whirled about their heads, then spread far and wide as thousands of feathers began falling beyond the village, settling on sidewalks, in hedges, in streams, in trees, among deep grass.

"Now," said the pastor, "go and collect all the feathers and put them back in the pillow."

"All of them?"

"All of them."

"But that's impossible!"

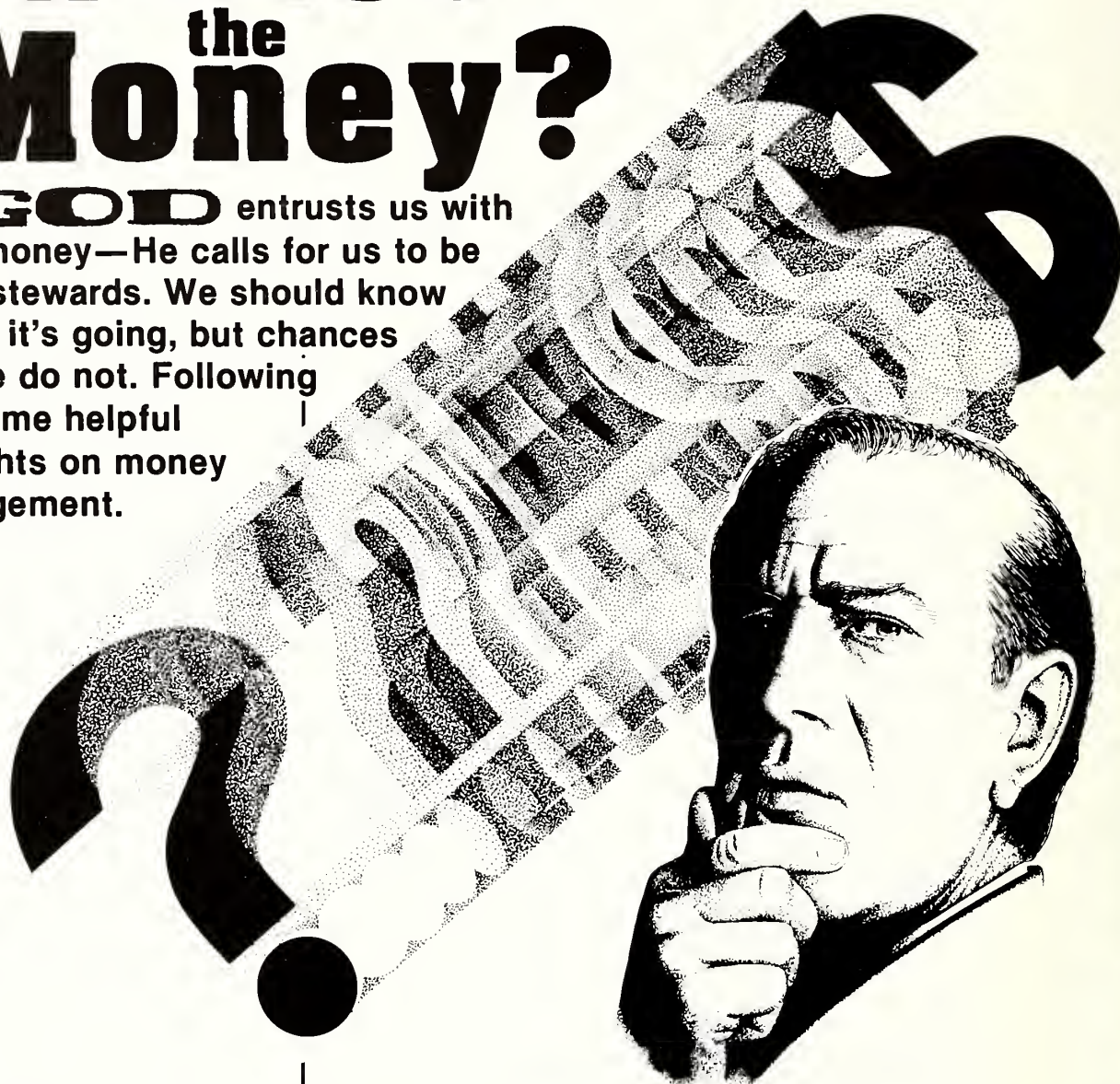
Placing his hand on the young boy's shoulder, the pastor said kindly, "I know. I just wanted you to realize how impossible it is to retrieve a criticism once spoken."

When you are tempted to criticize another person, remember this story. "He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing hidden" (Proverbs 11:13).

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Where's the Money?

GOD entrusts us with our money—He calls for us to be wise stewards. We should know where it's going, but chances are we do not. Following are some helpful thoughts on money management.



Where's the beef? Over and over we have heard this question during the last few months. But if you are like I am, my question is a different one. Instead of asking where the beef is, I usually want to know where the money went. This is particularly true during the holidays and whenever April 15 nears.

If we were to look at this, we would know that money does not disappear into thin air. It

leaves our hands, while we are still fully conscious. We spend it on housing, food, shelter, clothes, medical care, transportation, gifts, vacations, education and a host of other legitimate expenses. Most of us, however, would have to admit that we spend a good amount of money for many things that do not help us reach our goals of being generous givers and faithful savers.

After a group of young churchmen decided to record

everything for which they spent money during a given week, one young professional publicly admitted that he was shocked to find out that he had spent over \$50 in cash during the week, and had nothing to really show for it. His calculations told him that he was wasting over \$2,500 a year for things that didn't help reach any financial goals.

Before continuing, we might do well to consider what instruction on managing

money we received as a child. Maybe we need to talk about Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it," and apply it to financial management, too. We need to discuss the responsibility parents have of setting good examples in biblical money management for children and training them to be good stewards of all that God entrusts them.

One father became quite concerned about teaching his children to be responsible. His son played the violin in the junior high orchestra. He was practicing faithfully when the violin teacher approached the family and suggested that the boy could profit from a better and more expensive violin. The father, who did not want to buy outright everything for his son, went to a minister for counsel. Since the son was quite young and unable to earn much, the father wondered what should be done about the violin. The minister asked if the boy had been faithful with the violin he had. Had he kept it in good repair, treated it well, and done the best he could with it? The father replied that he certainly had. The minister then suggested that the boy be given the better, more expensive violin, explaining that he had been faithful with a little (the old violin), and therefore he could be trusted to be faithful with much (the new and more expensive violin). The biblical principle for such action? See Luke 16:10.

Parents are responsible for teaching their children to handle money and their possessions in a faithful manner. One step in this is to teach them Luke 16:10 and then the mean-

ing of it as they learn to handle greater responsibility. It can also be used to teach about the results of lying, cheating and dishonesty, and help the youngster understand that the smallest slips in integrity are of great concern to the Lord—as well as to the parents.

Where's your money going? To find out, set up a spending plan. Then keep some records to see how you are doing compared to your plan. The results will also enable you to reach goals for balanced giving, spending and saving! Oh yes, remember that if the 90 percent that we call "ours" is out of order, the 10 percent that is the Lord's is in jeopardy!



VERSES FOR MANAGEMENT

The following Bible verses speak pretty loudly about financial matters. We would all do well to memorize and practice them.

1. *Motivation for Budgeting.* "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest in much" (Luke 16:10, RSV). Keep track of all the money spent—by every member of the family. Your records will provide you with an idea of exactly what is happening.

2. *How to Budget.* "Any enterprise is built by wise

planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts" (Proverbs 24:3-4, LB).

3. *Setting up the Budget Book.* "And make do with your pay!" (Luke 3:14c, NEB.)

4. *Financial Questions.* "Steady plodding brings prosperity. Hasty speculation brings poverty" (Proverbs 21:5, LB).

5. *Saving.* "The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets" (Proverbs 21:20, LB).

6. *The Debt Trap.* "Keep out of debt altogether . . ." (Romans 13:8a, Phillips).

7. *Escaping the Debt Trap.* "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:11, RSV).

8. *Houses.* "But all things should be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40, RSV).

9. *Giving.* "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2, KJV).

10. *Biblical Financial Principles.* "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33, RSV).

This article does not intend to be the all and end all on finances. For further reading on the subject, see *You Can Be Financially Free* and *You Can Beat the Money Squeeze*, both written by George Fooshee. The George Fooshees have also created a video teaching series on "Personal Money Management" which applies biblical principles to managing personal finances. This is available from Harvest Communications, Inc., 222 North Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214, (316) 262-0732.



PARENTS MUST PROTECT CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY

by Gary L. Bauer

The following speech was made by U.S. Under Secretary of Education Gary L. Bauer before the Third Annual National Consultation on Pornography, in Cincinnati.

Mark Twain said, "Man is the only blushing animal—and the only one that needs to."

Surely the topic which concerns us all here tonight is no laughing matter. But the truth pointed to by Twain can serve to light our way in thinking about pornography. Man is the only animal who can, through his actions, become lower than what he is, who can degrade himself. Pornography corrodes the very concept of Western man in his freedom and his greatness.

It is a blight upon our public life: It invades our homes and schools, it demeans us all as human beings, and—if not checked—could threaten the moral fabric of our society.

George Will has observed that having children is the great "conservatizing experience" of our lives. Our children connect us to the future, to the fate of civilization, and to each other in our public concerns. All parents, regardless of their political affiliation or ideology, are concerned with the formative influences which shape their children's lives—or, as I would prefer to say, influences which incline their souls toward virtue or vice.

You know, it makes all the difference what children are pleased or pained by—common sense as well as great philosophers such as Plato tell us that this is true.

Porn Threatens Children's Souls

Parents, then, want to maximize the good influences and minimize the bad. That is our inclination, that is our intuition, that is our responsibility. We are our children's link to the past, to the great moral tradition of Western Civilization found in the texts of philosophers and poets and in the sacred texts of the Judeo-Christian tradition. We parents are, as Secretary [of Education

William] Bennett likes to say, their "first teachers."

Pornography threatens our children's souls. Those who profit from pornography deserve our contempt as well as legal prosecution.

When pornography is protected in the name of "freedom," our children receive a very disturbing message: since pornography is defended by an appeal to lofty constitutional principles, our children receive an even more disturbing message: that pornography is one of the "blessings of liberty" that our Constitution seeks to protect.

The truth of course is the opposite: The depiction of human behavior in pornographic material robs our children of any elevated notion of what is highest in our nature. To witness the treatment of other human beings as objects for the gratification of the appetite has a morally numbing effect.

Dr. Frederick Wertham, former senior psychiatrist for the Department of Hospitals in New York City, conducted a 10-year study of the effect of so-called comic books with a heavy emphasis on sex and violence on children. In this study, called "The Seduction of the Innocent," Dr. Wertham says this material results in "moral disarmament."

Subtle Influence More Detrimental?

He added, "The more subtle this influence is, the more detrimental it may be. It has an influence on character, on attitude, on the higher functions . . . and on the intuitive feeling for right and wrong. To put it more concretely, it consists chiefly of blunting of the finer feelings of conscience, of mercy, of feeling for other people's suffering and of respect for women as women and not merely as sex objects to be bandied around or as luxury prizes to be fought over."

Many of you here could provide testimony that would be examples of the effect of pornography on behavior. What I would like to underscore is the subtle influence found on normal children, effects that bear on attitudes, on learning, on character—those qualities of the soul that make it possible for us to pursue happiness and to pursue it well. What do we do to inoculate children from this insidious appeal of pornographic material?

Our schools must join us in setting into motion a concerted effort to build character and transmit values. Are not the people of the future, in the persons of our children, our most precious national resource? Shouldn't then, we be about the business of "cleaning up the environment?"

which affects them in such fundamental ways? And how do we begin this work?

Parents Are Children's First Teachers

Let me offer these observations:

First, we need to be more involved with our children. (It may seem incredible, but research tells us that, on average, mothers spend four to seven minutes a day educating their children; fathers, zero to one minute.) What are we saying to our children if we allow them to spend more time watching television by the time they are six than they will spend talking with their fathers the rest of their lives?

Second, we need to be attentive to how we teach our children. We teach them as much by our example as we do by what we tell them. Tolstoy said "We cannot find our morality in intellectual discourse, but only as we live it day to day." By the same token, children discover our virtues in the way we conduct ourselves.

We need to be examples to our children in what we read, in what we take pleasure in, in what we are pained by, in what we have dedicated ourselves to.

It is simply not enough, nor is it effective, after a while, to insist that certain things are bad, should be banned, and should be avoided; we need to fortify our children against evil by helping them develop habits and virtues which will lead them to taking pleasure in doing what's right.

The "character ecology movement," however, cannot just stop with the messages we give our children about their private behavior. We must help them see the connection between private virtue and public responsibility.

Self-government has a double meaning. How can we maintain a free, that is, a self-governing community, if the people of that community are unable to govern their own souls? Nothing is more outrageous than hearing the purveyors of filth wrap themselves in the Constitution and accuse the millions of decent men and women in communities across the land of being a threat to liberty. They have it exactly backwards.

Harry Clor, in his book, *Obscenity and Public Morality*, put it this way:

Democracy cannot be characterized simply as the maximization of individual liberty in every area of life. And there are attributes and requisites of republican government which are not adequately expressed in the single word "freedom."

The enterprise of self-government requires mutual respect and certain capacities for self-restraint, or as these things used to be called, "civility." It depends upon a citizen body the members of which will devote their energies to long-range public interests and who

can, when necessary, sacrifice personal comforts and personal satisfactions, perhaps personal happiness, for vital public interest.

A people devoted exclusively to the satisfaction of sensual appetites is not strictly a citizen body at all. It is a collection of private individuals, each concerned with his private gratifications.

Laws Bent in Favor of the Lascivious

Those like the American Civil Liberties Union who would insist upon legal protection being accorded pornographic material need to reflect upon the fact that in a democracy, the laws must have the support of public opinion to retain their effectiveness. How long will the demand that we "respect the laws" and that we respect the liberty of others command assent, when the laws seem bent in favor of the lewd and lascivious? Especially when those same laws discriminate against those children who seek to pray in our public schools? Or against those teachers who would have the Ten Commandments on display in classrooms?

Pornography is a threat to our democratic way of life. It is also a threat to the larger cause of Western culture.

Let's make no mistake: The battle that we are fighting against pornography, for our children, for our country, also involves the fate of civilization as we know it. For in the name of "freedom," pornography may succeed in cutting us loose from the cultural moorings which are the conditions of freedom. The first such mooring is surely the knowledge that we are all made in the image of God. That recognition is the basis of our moral and political claims on each other—to be treated as equals with inalienable rights. When we forget this common basis of dignity, our disagreements become simple contests of wills, of might against might. How long can government, by consent of the governed, survive in such a world where might makes right? For how long will our liberties remain secure?

Schools Do Teach Values

All of what I have suggested so far has implications for our schools. What is the role of our schools in this battle to clean up the pollution of pornography? How can they support our efforts in the teaching of virtue to our children?

First, our schools must drop the ridiculous notion that it is possible to teach without teaching values. Every time an adult is with a child, values are passed on—for better or worse. Every assignment made, every book read or ignored says something to a child about what an adult thinks is important.

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Second, the schools need to examine their own curricula to see if there is anything they might be doing which contributes to the pervasive cynicism about the standards of right and wrong.

Are they, for instance, teaching that all "value judgements" are relative? The widespread and unthinking acceptance of this belief speaks volumes about the crisis of our times.

The noted theologian, Richard Neuhaus, spells out the implications of moral relativism: In the absence of values, he says, "a society can neither be preserved nor transformed in response to a compelling moral vision.

"In a decadent society no Martin Luther King can proclaim a dream that has a claim upon us, for decadence is also the death of normative dreams. All dreams and truths are equal, reflecting no more than individual interest and personal preference. The only truth is that there are no universal truths; the only absolute is that all things are relative."

'Values Clarification' Morally Disarming

An example of how this mindless relativism affects school curriculum is in the values clarification curriculum that became popular in the late '70s. One popular values clarification course offered this dilemma to our children:

"Your husband or wife is a very attractive person. Your best friend is very attracted to him or her. How would you want them to behave? [The only three choices given were:]

"a. Maintain a clandestine relationship so you wouldn't know about it.

"b. Be honest and accept the reality of the relationship.

"c. Proceed with a divorce."

Education Secretary Bennett and Edwin Delattre provide the following analysis of the exercise:

"Typically, the spouse and best friend are presented as having desires they will eventually satisfy anyway; the student is offered only choices that presuppose their relationship. All possibilities for self-restraint, fidelity, regard for others, or respect for mutual relationship and commitments are ignored."

We must challenge such efforts as "value-neutral" education. They are in fact morally disarming and intellectually bankrupt. We must ask instead for a return to virtue and serious learning.

Summarizing this need, President Reagan said recently:

"If we give our children no guidance here—if we give them only a value-neutral education—we're robbing them of their most precious inheritance: the wisdom of generations that is contained in our moral heritage."

And the President is echoing America's parents: the teaching of right and wrong is rated as important by the parents as the ability to speak and write correctly.

Young people typically say that they admire people who "stand up for what they believe in." Our task, in partnership with our schools, is to lead them to an understanding of why we must stand up, as those who care for them, and say "No." So that they can say "No" to those temptations of the soul that tempt us to be less than we can be. We must give children again the courage—the capacity in judgment and will—to stand fast in the face of false pleasure.

Stand Together

Let us stand, then, as our children's first teachers along with those adults to whom we entrust our children; let us make clear that we all intend to stand together—for discipline, for character, for hard work, for virtue.

If we stand together, our children will see themselves as a part of the great march of Western Civilization. They will begin to appreciate the great literature which inspires and instructs the imagination in the struggle of man to realize what he is in the highest sense. And we hope that they will come to those truths spoken of in the Scriptures and hold them in their hearts forever. If their hearts and minds be fixed on these most lofty and permanent of things, we will, with God's grace, have armed them for life.

That is what we should require of ourselves and demand of our schools, and there is nothing in the Constitution that prohibits us from insisting on it.

Alexis de Tocqueville in his classic, *Democracy in America*, said that in a free society "it is ever the duty of lawgivers and of all upright educated men to raise up souls of their fellow citizens and turn their attention toward Heaven. There is a need for all who are interested in the future of democratic societies to get together and with one accord to make continual efforts to propagate throughout society a taste for the infinite, an appreciation of greatness, and a love of spiritual pleasures."

His advice is old but is not out of date. It remains our charge today. Our charge is to educate our children to virtue—to teach them to love the things we love, and to honor the things we honor. Nothing else will do.

How to Help the
Elderly Avoid Institutions

A GUIDE TO COMPASSIONATE CARE OF THE AGING

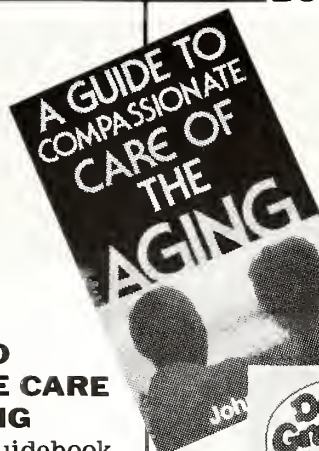
In this invaluable guidebook, John Gillies offers several alternatives to the traditional retirement home—programs for *compassionate* care that are already in effect and can be easily duplicated or modified for specific applications. After having interviewed the various directors and participants, Gillies provides case studies of and details on the best of these programs in *A Guide to Compassionate Care of the Aging*.

Included are facts on innovative approaches to housing that allow the elderly to stay at home through varied services; activity centers; education services; and medical, transportation, and meal services.

Also outlined are pastoral ministries—"Senior Tuesdays" and "chautauquas" put on by local churches which help keep the elderly involved and their minds young and active.

A Guide to Compassionate Care of the Aging is Gillies' second book dealing with the elderly. He is also the author of *A Guide to Caring for and Coping with Aging Parents*, a personal guidebook describing the best ways adult children can learn to care for their maturing parents.

John Gillies has been involved for several years with the Church World Service and the Texas Department of Human Resources, with emphasis on the needs of the elderly. He also served as a lay communications missionary in Brazil.—(Trade Paperback, \$6.95)



The Secrets of Seeking Peace

PEACEFUL LIVING IN A STRESSFUL WORLD

At last, here's a book that goes beyond the passive call to personal peace—the assumption that inner peace simply "happens." Author Ronald Hutchcraft calls us to *active pursuit* of peace with God.

The stumbling block to peace today is stress. It gives us the impression that our lives are going nowhere: like a gerbil running in its wheel cage. *Peaceful Living in a Stressful World* identifies positive, God-centered steps we can take to circumvent the epidemic-sized problem; we need to treat the *causes* of stress rather than the symptoms.

This cheerfully upbeat book is strong, effective medicine for those suffering the ravages of stress; it will help lead readers to a state of tranquility that is literally divine.

Ronald Hutchcraft is Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York/New Jersey Youth for Christ and Area Director of the Chicago Youth for Christ. In addition, he is the author of the *National Youth for Christ Ministry Resource Manual*, hosts a weekly radio program, is a popular camp and conference speaker.—(Hardcover, \$10.95)

Honest, Hilarious Letters
from Kids

DEAR GRANDMA

Bill Adler, the writer and literary agent whose collections of kids' letters have proven popular with both children and adults, has compiled another book containing more down-to-earth and heart-warming selections. Entitled *Dear Grandma*, Adler's book features children ages 3 to 5 pouring out their hearts to their grandmothers.

Like *Dear Lord* and *Dear Pastor*, Adler's previous books, *Dear Grandma* shows kids at their finest, writing letters in which they ask innocent questions, making amazingly honest statements, and always bring a giggle from everyone who appreciates the humor and unintentional candor of childhood.

Some of the innocent questions the kids ask their grandmothers include: "How old is the Bible, Grandma? Did you read the first one?" Ralph of Norfolk, Virginia, asks his grandmother: "Did you ever ride in a covered wagon? Was it more fun than a Greyhound bus?"

The candor of childhood is represented in some of these letters: "Dear Nanny, I hope you don't have any more aches and pains. I only have one pain and it is my big sister." "Dear Grandma, I will remember you in my prayers even if you forget my birthday, which is tomorrow. Love, Phillip."

With over forty illustrations, *Dear Grandma* is an ideal book for Grandparent's Day and birthdays.—(Hardcover, \$4.95)

These books, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers, are available through the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and its branch stores.



FEBRUARY—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH

February and July are designated by the North Carolina State Convention as "Christian Education Months." These observances provide Sunday Schools, Churches, Auxiliaries, and Layman's Leagues an opportunity to emphasize the importance of Christian education for the life and work of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Pastors and church lay leaders who would like information and literature on Mount Olive College for distribution are encouraged to contact Mrs. Jean F. Ackiss, Director of Church Support, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (phone 919/658-2502).

FEBRUARY 1986

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February is Christian Education Month.



JUDY TYNDALL— GROWING WITH MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

by Patti O'Donoghue
Director of Public Information
Mount Olive College

Mount Olive College is growing. Casual observers passing by can see the formation of the new parking lot for College Hall and the additional student housing silhouetted against the campus skyline.

What the observer cannot see are the young people who are helping shape the future of Mount Olive. Judy Tyndall, a member of Piney Grove Church in Duplin County, is one of those people. She is both a student and part-time worker at North Carolina's newest private four-year college.

"The fall semester has kept me moving with a full schedule of classes during the day, two night classes and working part time," she says. "I have had all good teachers and I'm working toward an accounting degree. After graduation I plan to work under a CPA and then take the CPA exam."

A student who regularly makes the Dean's List, Miss Tyndall carries a 4.0 average for the fall semester. She is a marshal and a member of Phi Beta Lambda business organization and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. For her

academic honors project Miss Tyndall tutors sophomores, juniors and seniors in Accounting I and II classes.

"I developed a chart that I use in the accounting classes that shows the classification of accounts," says Miss Tyndall. "The chart gives the students something that explains why accounting works the way it does—and isn't just theory."

The attractive junior also works 12 to 15 hours a week in the business and financial aid offices of the College—in the jobs she held full-time during the summer.

"Summer brings the height of activity in the business office," says James A. Coats, vice president for finance and treasurer at Mount Olive. "Planning, purchasing and preparations are all done during the summer, and we always need help. We asked Judy to work because she is super intelligent, a hard worker and will get the job done."

Miss Tyndall feels that her work at the College is helping her develop a career in business.

"Between my summer work and the part-time work I have had experience in all business areas," explains Miss Tyndall.

"I have provided backup for the cashier and the secretaries, answered the phone, typed purchase orders and letters, and hosted visitors. In addition, I worked in the College bookstore—waiting on customers, sorting books, and repricing used books."

In her work in the financial aid office, Miss Tyndall helps to organize the information on scholarships, the work study program, and federal and state loans which are available at Mount Olive College.

"The financial aid office assists students in funding their education," she says. "That means the College puts together a package of aid to fit the individual's needs. Financial aid award letters need to be typed, information forms filled out and the 'packages' made up. I enjoy the work and might work toward a career in the field of financial aid."

This outstanding young woman still finds time to participate in her church activities. She sings with the "Sonshine Singers" and teaches the Junior Sunday School Class.

"We have sung at revivals and at Sunday morning services," says Miss Tyndall.

She is the daughter of Bobby and Hazel Tyndall of Dudley, North Carolina, and has two sisters, Peggy and Cathy. Mrs. Tyndall directs activities at Eagles Nest Outdoor Conference Center.

MAKE YOUR COLLEGE PLANS TODAY

Now is the time that many students begin to make plans to attend college. Anyone interested in enrolling in college is invited to visit the Mount Olive College campus at any time. To make an appointment contact Dianne B. Riley,

director of Admissions, in the Henderson Building.

A Visitation Day is planned for the middle of April—date to be announced. Everyone is welcome!

Free Will Baptists are reminded that church members attending Mount Olive College on a full-time basis are eligible for a yearly \$1,500 Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant. In addition, full-time North Carolina students will receive the Legislative Tuition Grant of \$950. Individual financial aid packages are available through the Financial Aid Office. For information, write or call Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919/658-2502).

1985—A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR MOC

Mount Olive College faced a multitude of challenges in 1985 as it launched a new four-year program. The College met last year's challenges and is on the way to making 1986 an even greater year.

The newest four-year private college in North Carolina, Mount Olive added its historic first senior class in the fall. The seniors are slated to graduate in May. Enrollment set an all-time high of 472 students in on-campus programs and 216 in extension programs, for a total student body of 688.

With the new baccalaureate degree programs came the appointment of five professors with doctor's degrees. They are Dr. Charles Phillips, English; Dr. William Huffman, psychology; Dr. James White, business; Dr. Ram Verma, mathematics; and Dr. Ron Mendell, recreation studies. Currently three other members of the College faculty are pursuing their doctoral studies—Elizabeth Braswell in English, James Coats in

business, and Willis Brown in science. They expect to complete their studies by early 1986.

A major requirement for the senior college program is the development of the library. During the year, 3,000 volumes were added to the library bringing the total collection to 40,000. A schedule was set for acquiring an additional 10,000 new books needed by 1988.

Computers were purchased for a second computer lab. Most administrative areas of the College have also begun using computers for the day-to-day operations.

A new office in Career Planning was added to assist students in their career choices and in job placement.

Physical growth was evident during the summer. Two new apartment complexes were constructed to accommodate the growing student body, and a major parking lot for College Hall was prepared.

Perhaps one of the greatest challenges came in October with the announcement of a \$500,000 challenge grant. The College must raise an equal amount for endowment to qualify for the grant.

In sports, Mount Olive College moved from junior college status to the four-year ranks, joining the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Men's soccer, and women's volleyball and tennis will be added to the intercollegiate program in 1986.

"This year has witnessed a growing enthusiasm and commitment toward making Mount Olive a great Christian college," says Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. "Our work is not complete. We are, indeed, preparing to make 1986 an even greater year!"

FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Forty Free Will Baptist students have been named to the Dean's List at Mount Olive College. The Dean's List is published twice a year and honors students who attain high scholastic standing. To qualify, students must be attending full-time, have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester. Also, several students received academic distinction by earning perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Those listed on the Dean's List are, from *Beaufort County*: Vanessa D. Davis, Sidney Church; *Craven County*: Michael Hodges (4.0), Juniper Chapel Church; Victor T. Jones Jr., New Haven Church; *Duplin County*: Junie C. Harper, Tanya Newson (4.0) and Judy Tyndall (4.0), all of Piney Grove Church; Cathy Crumpler and Faye Reardon, both of Snow Hill Church.

Students listed from *Johnston County*: Jeffrey D. James, Everett Chapel Church; Laura Langdon, Hopewell Church; Joyce T. Wall (4.0) and Ruby M. Wall, both of Micro Church; Timothy E. Woodard, Rains Cross Roads Church; *Lenoir County*: Angela D. Shivar, Gray Branch Church; Teresa K. Hines (4.0), Kinston First Church.

In *Onslow County*: Tammy Marshburn and Beverly D. Rouse (4.0), both of Mount Zion Church; *Pamlico County*: Tracy D. Caroon, Mount Zion Church; *Pitt County*: Wallie Hargrove, Elm Grove Church; *Sampson County*: Oliver P. Godwin, Robin L. Honeycutt and Pandora R. Tyndall, all of Shady Grove Church; *Tyrrell County*: Jeffrey A. Howett, Sound Side Church; *Union*

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County: Melissa D. Carver, Heritage Church.

Students listed on the Dean's List from *Wayne County:* Charles I. Barnard, Jackie Barnard and Donna E. Perry, all of Casey's Chapel Church; W. Gary Tyner, Grants Chapel Church; Kelvin J. Coates, Terry G. Coates, M. Andrew Overman and Robert J. Overman, III, all of May's Chapel Church; David W. Rigsby, Living Waters Church; Marcy A. Greenup, Pleasant Grove Church; Patricia A. Bunn, Pleasant Hill Church; Sheila R. Mitchell, Spring Hill Church; Janet D. Pridgen and Vicki S. Pridgen, both of Stoney Creek Church; *Wilson County:* Lisa D. Godwin, Daniels Chapel Church; Anne M. Bass, Wilson First Church.

The faculty and trustees of Mount Olive College congratulate these outstanding scholars!

ENDOWMENT APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 22, 1986

12:00 P.M., College Hall

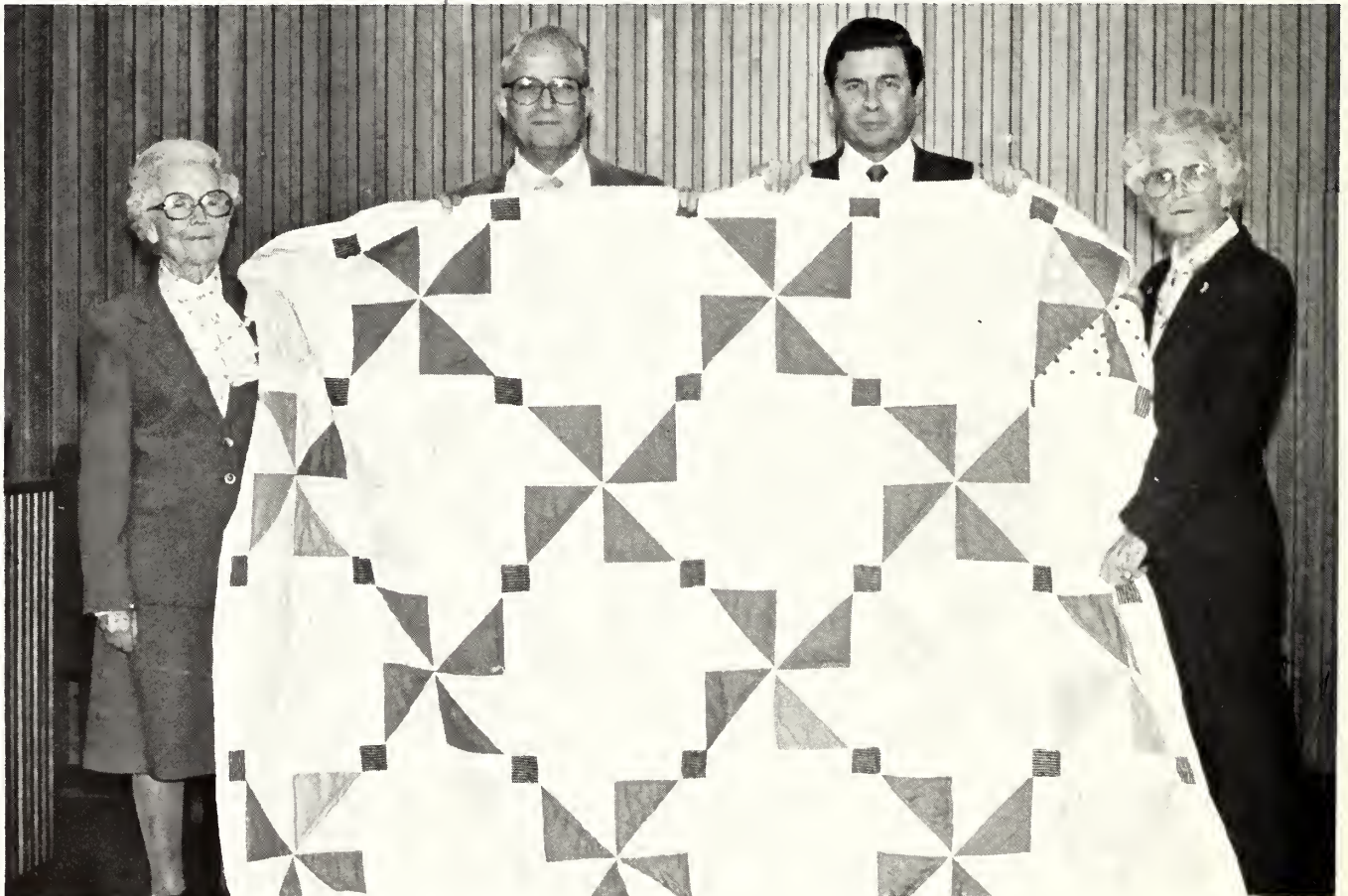
Endowment Appreciation Day is an occasion to honor and memorialize those in whose names endowments have been established. Certificates will be presented for approximately fifty new funds which have been established during the past year.

The event is open to the public, but since it includes a luncheon, reservations will be necessary. Interested persons are invited to write or call Mrs. Jean F. Ackiss, Director of Church Support, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (phone 919/658-2502).

An important endowment announcement is expected.

"MISS MARY" MAKES QUILTS FOR COLLEGE ENDOWMENT—Mrs. Mary F. Aldridge of Snow Hill, a member of Hull Road Church, found a creative way to help Mount Olive College raise matching gifts for an endowment grant. She handcrafted a beautiful quilt for the benefit of her endowment fund at the College. Helping Mrs. Aldridge, left, with a display of the quilt, are Dr. Michael R. Pelt, chairman of the department of religion; Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College; and Mrs. Nan H. Jones, of Snow Hill. Mrs. Aldridge, age 86, had the opportunity to show her creation to the College family during a weekly chapel service in Rodgers Chapel.

In appreciation for Mrs. Aldridge, students and faculty members of the College and friends in her home community contributed over \$400 to the "Mary Forrest Aldridge Scholarship Endowment" at the College (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).





HOME MISSIONS

NEW MISSION OPENS

On January 5, 1986, a new mission was opened in Whiteville, NC. Whiteville is the county seat of Columbus County and is a growing community. There are several Free Will Baptist churches close to Whiteville but none in town. Over 150 people assembled in the mission building for a 3 p.m. service.

The Rev. Dean Kennedy, vice president of the Home Missions Board, led the singing. The different churches represented were recognized and there were six churches represented. Greetings from the Pee Dee Association were brought by the moderator, the Rev. Jackie Godwin. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Billy Hardee. Special music was offered by the Rev. David C. Hansley, who sang "I Walk With the King."

The special sermon was preached by Home Missions Director Charles Crisp. His text was 1 Corinthians 14:12; his subject, "Building a Place of Fire." The idea of the sermon was that the church was to be a place of spiritual fire.

At the close of the service, the Rev. Jeff Cockrell and his wife, Terri, were called forward and he was installed as pastor of the mission. An offering of over \$500 was received. Mr. Buddy Cribbs from Beaverdam Church was appointed treasurer of the mission. Mr. Jack Penny was not able to be there because of sickness, but he will serve as adult Sunday School teacher.

This work is a joint effort between the Pee Dee Association and the Home Missions Board. A special thanks is due to the pastors and laymen of the Pee Dee churches who worked so hard in preparing the building for use, and the Oak Grove Church for paying the first month's rent on the piano. Many others have pledged to pay the rent on the building.

Pray for Brother Jeff Cockrell and his wife, Terri. The mission is located in a store building at 115 Pecan Street, in downtown Whiteville.



DIRECTOR OF HOME MISSIONS RESIGNS

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Original Free Will Baptist Home Missions Board for the trust they have placed in me during the past four years by allowing me to serve them. I would also like to thank my fellow Free Will Baptists for responding to my appeals for help and cooperation. You have truly rallied to the cause of Home Missions.

I am not leaving this office without much prayer and deep thought. I am not leaving because of any pressure. The Board and I have enjoyed the

very best of relationships during the years we have worked together. For some time I have felt the need of returning to the active pulpit ministry. The members of East Rockingham Church of Rockingham, North Carolina, have offered me the opportunity and challenge to pastor their church and I have accepted.

I will continue to support the Home Missions program and will promote the program at every opportunity. Please accept my thanks for the prayers and support you have given me and the Home Missions work. Remember, when you support Home Missions you are supporting the growth of your denomination.

Be sure to pray for the Home Missions Board as they seek a new director.

MISSIONARIES AVAILABLE



The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Albertson are working very hard to establish a mission for the deaf in Wilson, NC. They are available to come to your church and explain this great work. Why not contact them and invite them to your church? They will bless your hearts and your church will be better informed.

Remember, an informed people know how to pray intelligently for the needs of others.

If your pastor needs someone to fill your pulpit on Sunday evening or a special service, why not invite the Albertsons to come?

Contact them: The Rev. Dale Albertson, Quail Point #1, Forest Hills Road, Wilson, North Carolina 27893, phone 919-243-2874.

DON'T FORGET!

1986 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

PLACE: College Hall, Mount Olive, N.C.
DATE: March 7, 1986
TIME: Morning Session, 10-12:00 A.M.
Afternoon Session, 1- 4:00 P.M.
Mission Rally, 7:30 P.M.

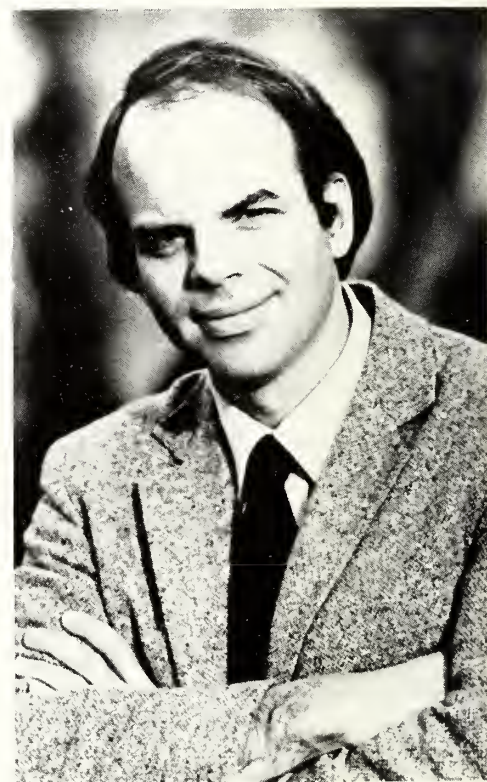
Conference Speaker: David Bryant

Brother Bryant is a missions specialist with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, U.S.A. He has been a delegate to a number of International Consultations on world evangelization and was a speaker at the International Prayer Assembly for World Evangelization in Seoul, Korea, in 1984. We are very privileged to have him share with us at the 1986 Conference.

The entire program for the day will be devoted to the topic of prayer. Brother Bryant will lead us in a *Concert of Prayer*. The purpose of the conference is for "fulness (awakening in the church) and fulfillment (evangelization among the nations)."

Pastor, church member, please mark this date on your calendar and attend this conference. It could well make a change in your life and ministry and be the true beginning of revival in our church.

"The Frontline in world evangelization is the Word of God and prayer."



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MARCH 23



Telethon Theme: What Would You Say?

Goal: Every Free Will Baptist Church a Participant in the Telethon.

Your call on March 23 will enable us to reach even more with the gospel.

Call in your special offering between 1:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. Dial 919-746-4963.



UPCOMING CONVENTION

The State Sunday School Convention will convene in its forty-sixth annual session on March 1, 1986. It will be held at Stoney Creek Church.

The theme for the Convention is "Care and Grow Through Teaching."

Three workshops will be held for teachers. The workshops will set forth practical ways teachers can show greater care for their students, help create greater caring among persons in the class and for those outside the class. The premise is that caring teachers make for caring classes; caring classes make for a growing Sunday School.

"Caring for Children" will be led by Bass Mitchell, field secretary of the State Sunday School Convention, who writes some of our Sunday School literature for youth through adults. Bass is also Minister of Education at Stoney Creek Church.

"Caring for Youth" will be led by Janie Jones Sowers, editor of our literature at the Press. Janie brings a great deal of knowledge and experience in youth ministry to this workshop.

The Rev. Gary Bailey will lead the workshop on "Caring for Adults." Gary is pastor of Stoney Creek Church, as well as President of the State Convention. Gary brings a great deal of creativity and practical experience in adult ministry to this workshop.

The Revs. De Wayne Eakes and Bill Futch will lead a problem-solving seminar for superintendents and ministers. Both are knowledgeable and experienced in Sunday School work. De is pastor of Little Rock Church. Bill is pastor of Bethlehem Church.

Every teacher, superintendent, minister, and other interested person, is encouraged to attend. You will be glad you did!

Stoney Creek Church is located about four miles north of Goldsboro on Patetown Road, or Highway 111.

A NEW PROGRAM

An exciting new program will be announced at the upcoming Convention. It's yet another service offered to our Sunday Schools by the State Sunday School Convention. If you want to know what it is, be there on March 1.

COURSES TO BE HELD

On February 3, 10, 17, 24, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, the two courses on the Basic Teacher Certificate will be taught at Kinston Church. "The Art of Christian Teaching" will be taught by Bass Mitchell in February. The Rev. David Hines will teach "Understanding the Bible" in March.

The classes will be from 7-9:30 p.m. There will be a fee of \$10 to cover materials given out in class. This fee covers both courses.

For further information, call David Hines at 522-0230 or 527-0619; or Bass Mitchell at 734-8378.

CERTIFICATE GIVEN

In January, a Basic Teacher Certificate was given to Jerry Godwin. Jerry is an outstanding teacher of adults in Little Rock Church. The Rev. De Wayne Eakes is pastor of the church.

Jerry attended the courses held at Little Rock Church in October and November, 1985. His book reports were on *Power Through Prayer* and *Learning Is Change*.

We congratulate Jerry on this accomplishment.

CHANGES

The Field Secretary has a new address. It is Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

He has a new telephone number, also. It is 734-8378.

A HELPER

That's a good description of your Field Secretary. He can provide you practical advice and assistance on any aspect of Sunday School work. He will be glad to meet with your Sunday School Council, Board of Christian Education, or congregation to explore ways to improve your Sunday School.



1986 State Sunday School Convention

**Stoney Creek Church
March 1**

**Theme: "Care and Grow
Through Teaching"**

"Caring for Children," the
Rev. Bass Mitchell

"Caring for Youth," Janie
Jones Sowers

"Caring for Adults," the
Rev. Gary Bailey

"Problem-Solving," the
Revs. De Eakes, Bill
Futch





A PRACTICE OF LOVE

by Cliff Doehring

Cliff and Marie Doehring began as houseparents last June, 1985. During the past 8 months, they have had many new experiences. They serve in Dean's Cottage, which is home for all of our children 12 years old and younger. Cliff and Marie, thank you for helping to provide care and love to our children.

Child care is a practice of love. Jesus spoke about loving others more than yourself, and love is described in great detail in 1 Corinthians 13. These teachings have to be understood and become a lifetime attitude if a person is to be an effective child care worker.

The children come in as strangers, and the houseparents are strangers to them. Your love must enfold them from the beginning. Almost immediately, in some cases, you must start to separate the child from his attitudes and behaviors, and focus your love on the child. Physically and emotionally, each child needs to be nurtured. Some of their habits and attitudes will completely surprise you, but your love can't falter. You have to avoid taking their attitudes personally, even though they learn your softest point. You become an emotional punching bag at times, and a child will direct all of his frustrations, anger and disappointments at you; yet you must still love him. You must try to teach all of them that love is not a weapon used

to manipulate and defeat an enemy, but is something shared between people who care about each other.

Houseparents have to learn to manage their emotions. It is really tough to stand toe to toe with a child and keep your emotions under control. The tendency might be to fear and back away from the explosive child or to get angry at the child who is silently defiant. Regardless, the houseparent has to maintain control. If he feels he may be losing control, he should take some action that will assure that he does not lose it in front of the child.

The houseparents must constantly "work on" themselves, as they are the example the child will tend to follow. You must first get yourself straight before you can expect the same thing of the child. There is a constant pressure, especially at first, to overcome and eliminate your bad habits and attitudes. Yet this must be accomplished if you are to reach a high level of effectiveness. The houseparent is constantly striving for a high level of Christian values and principles. This is not easy to do but you know if you slip too many times the children will follow along.

There are risks, but the gains and rewards possible are also great. The children come in lacking in every area. You help them rebuild physically

through good dietary balance and wholesome food. You rebuild their trust and value system, putting their emotional being in better perspective. Most of all, you nurture and minister to them spiritually, to lead them into the Christian path and encourage them to begin their lifetime walk as a child of God.

Children come into our care for an indefinite period of time. In that time you have them, a real bond develops. You know the excitement of receiving them and getting to know them, the joy of loving them and sharing in their accomplishments, and the sorrow of seeing them go. They will go to foster homes, back to their parents or out for adoption. Then comes the greatest reward of all—when you hear that they are doing well and are happy.



A GIFT FOR ALL

A few days before Christmas a large Christmas gift arrived. Mrs. Pearl J. Narron, district manager for World Book Encyclopedias from Bailey, shared with Michael and Tommy as they open the gift. It was a brand-new set of World Book Encyclopedias for our educational center. This gift will be used by all of our children and by those who are here for many years to come. We want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you" to Mrs. Narron and World Book for this gift.

News About Children and Families

Cocaine Use Among Youngsters Increases

The high price of cocaine once protected many children from being exposed to the drug. Unfortunately, the price has dropped dramatically, and more and more youngsters can get it.

Some signs of cocaine use include the symptoms of drug use in general: abrupt changes in behavior, increased secrecy or time alone, a change in friends, a drop in school performance and increase in tardiness or absenteeism, loss of interest in sports or other activities, and a sudden need for more money.

Specific signs of cocaine use include mood changes (child becomes short-tempered and irritable), change in speech patterns (babbling, talking excitedly), sudden weight loss and inability to sleep.

If you don't know of a drug abuse clinic or appropriate counselor in your area, call 1-800-COCAINE, for a referral.

... But Maybe Some Hope in Sight

High school seniors may be cutting their use of drugs, says a new University of Michigan study.

The percentage of high school seniors who have tried an illegal drug has fallen only slightly from 1982 to 1984—from 65 percent to 62 percent—but there have been substantial declines in active or current use of drugs.

The national study, conducted for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, also found a gradual decline in alcohol use since 1979.

NC Increases Medicaid Benefits

North Carolina provides Medicaid to cover the health

care costs of certain low income families, elderly and disabled individuals. In order to qualify for Medicaid, an individual or family must meet certain income and resource standards. Under the old law, if an individual had more than \$200 income per month, then he or she would have to 'spend-down' the excess income on medical bills. In effect, then, individuals were forced to live on \$200 per month in order to have his or her health care costs covered by Medicaid. The General Assembly just increased the income level by 10 percent. The new income levels are as follows:

Family Size	Old Level	New Level
1	\$200/mo	\$225/mo
2	267	292
3	300	333
4	333	367

The General Assembly also increased the resource limits for the elderly and disabled. Under the old law, elderly and disabled individuals were only allowed to keep \$1000 worth of countable assets. Couples were only allowed \$1100 in resources. The new law allows individuals to keep \$1500 worth of countable assets and couples are allowed to keep \$2250.

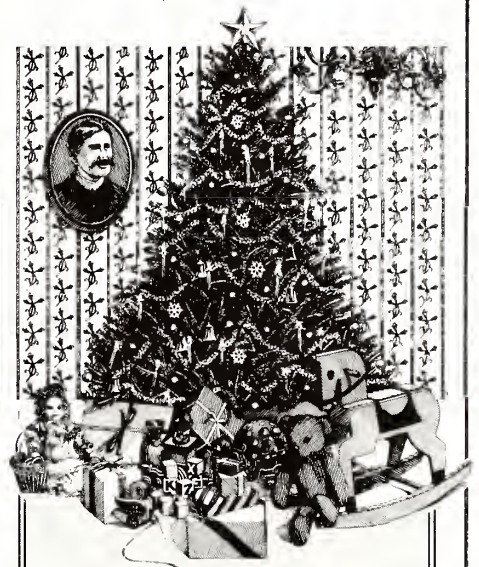
New Child Support Laws Set for NC

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a number of bills changing the child support laws. These bills will help the custodial parent who is supposed to receive child support collect from the person who is responsible for paying support.

Tax Refunds Offsets: The local Child Support Enforcement Agency (called the IV-D Agency) can now help custodial parents collect child support by keeping an absent parent's

state or federal tax refund to pay child support that is owed. Only the IV-D Agency can "intercept" an absent parent's state or federal tax refunds for child support. However, anybody can use IV-D's services by paying the necessary fees.

Automatic Wage Garnishment: The North Carolina Senate passed a bill which would require the wages of anyone who owes a month's worth of child support to be garnished. The North Carolina House will consider this bill next year. Federal Law requires North Carolina to have automatic wage withholding procedures in effect by November, 1986.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL

This past Christmas was one of our best. Each child in our care had a wonderful and most blessed Christmas. On behalf of our children, we thank each individual, group, church, Sunday School and Auxiliary who shared in providing and making this past Christmas special.

TWO WOMEN HONORED—Two outstanding women were honored by the members of the Shady Grove Auxiliary (Sampson County) at their December meeting.

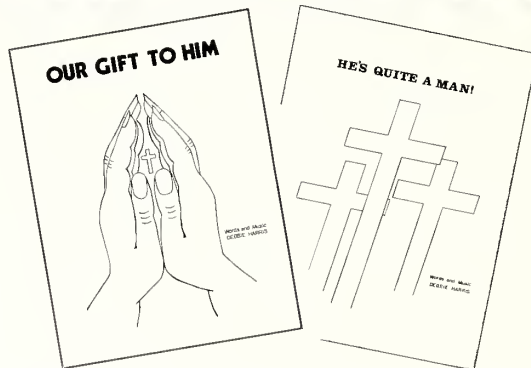
Last January, the Auxiliary members were asked to be aware of spiritual growth among the women, and at their November meeting they voted for the person they believed exemplified the deepest spiritual growth.

Bonnie Lockamy, Auxiliary President, presented the plaque, which displayed the Auxiliary emblem and read: "In recognition of Spiritual Growth, Presented to Phyllis McLamb by the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, 1985."

Mrs. Rita Mae Jernigan was given the Life Membership Award, which is the highest honor an Auxiliary woman can receive. Mrs. Jernigan has been a faithful member of the Shady Grove Auxiliary for more than 50 years. She has held every office in the local organization and also served as Vice President of the Cape Fear District Auxiliary. Her loyal devotion and loving services were extolled by Carolyn Jernigan, her daughter-in-law, who made the presentation.

Neither Mrs. McLamb or Mrs. Jernigan had any inkling they would be honored that night. After the awards were given, the group enjoyed a delicious meal with their husbands and Mrs. Jewel Warren, Mrs. Dalma West and Mrs. David Warren, who were special guests.

CHANGE OF DATE—At its last Sunday School Convention and Union Meeting, the second district of the Central Conference voted to change the next meeting to the fourth Sunday in March, rather than to have it on fifth Sunday, which is Easter Sunday. It will meet at Ormondsville Church.



DEBBIE HARRIS, a member of Ayden Church, recently put her first two songs on the shelves at the Free Will Baptist Press Bookstore and its branch stores. The songs, "He's Quite a Man" and "Our Gift to Him," have been well received by all of those who have heard them. They are presently being introduced by a group of young people who compose the singing group, "Glory Bound."

Miss Harris is the daughter of the late R. Earl Harris. Her mother, Peggy Edwards, resides in Grifton, and her brother, the Rev. Leon Harris, pastors Rose Hill Church, located near Ayden.

THE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE OF KING'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH will host the Central Conference Layman's League on March 3. A bar-b-que dinner will be served at 7 p.m., with the meeting following at 8.

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will meet at Marlboro Church on March 15. Registration for the meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and judging of competitions will follow at 9:15. Registration fee is \$10. Marlboro Church is located on Highway 264.

All entries in the Christian Writing Competition must be sent to Joan Little by February 24, in order that they might be judged. Churches should also advise her by that date if they have participants in the Bible Bowl, Public Speaking or Lesson Presentation competitions. (Her address is Route 2, Box 347-C, Farmville, NC 27828; telephone 753-3217.)

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION TO MEET—The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues will meet at Winterville Church, corner of East Cooper Street and Glendale Avenue, Winterville, on

Saturday, March 8. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the convention will begin at 10 a.m.

"Leaguers Training for God's Service" (2 Timothy 2:15) has been selected for this year's theme. As part of the program, workshops on model Leagues will be held for sponsors and leaders of each group. Churches that are interested in starting Leagues are urged to be present.

Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills will be held, with winners receiving an expense-paid or one-half-expense-paid trip to Cragmont this summer. Each church should enter one contestant in the Junior Drill (ages 9-11) and one contestant in the Intermediate Drill (ages 12-15). Study materials were distributed at the convention last year.

Leagues are requested to send a generous contribution for our state project—Cragmont (debt retirement on main building)—at least \$75, or what they can.

Any League not receiving a report blank by February 15 should write to Miss Leah McGlohon, P.O. Box 2, Winterville, N.C. 28590, for one.

ENOUGH CHRISTIANS?

—While the number of stores getting out of the pornography business continues to grow, the leading retailer of porno magazines in America says they plan to stay in the porn business. Doug Reed, spokesman for the Southland Corporation, said that 7-Eleven would continue to sell the porn. Reed's attitude seems to be that there aren't enough Christians in America who care enough to make a difference.

CAPTAIN KANGAROO

BLASTS TV—Bob Keeshan, TV's Captain Kangaroo, says that if TV is teaching anything to today's young viewers, it is that violence is the answer to all problems. Keeshan said that children who watch television rather than going to the playground never learn the delicate arts of negotiation and compromise. He also chastised television-reared parents who don't spend enough time with their children or properly control what their children watch.

SPENCER W. KIMBALL, the reigning prophet of the Mormon church, died at the age of 90 in November. Kimball will be remembered for his 1978 revelation (declaration) that allowed Blacks to hold the priesthood. He also re-stated the Mormon teaching that the color of skin is associated with goodness when he spoke of Indian children becoming whiter when kept in Mormon homes during the school year.

SMYRNA CHURCH, Blounts Creek, will be the site of a special musical program on Sunday night, February 2. The Down East Boys will present a concert of gospel music that evening beginning at 7 p.m.

The pastor, the Rev. A. G. Smith, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend this service.

NOTE OF THANKS

The commemoration of Christ's birth was made even more meaningful to me in 1985 because of the spirit of His love that was expressed to me by your beautiful cards, letters and gifts of love.

I wish to thank each individual as well as each church and auxiliary in North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas, for every prayer, thought and kindness.

Pray for me that I may live closer to God than ever before.

May God bless all of you for all your goodness and love in Him.

Mrs. E. C. Morris

MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Steve Starnes announces that he will be available for full-time service on March 16, 1986. He is a member in good standing in the Eastern Conference; he will relocate if needed. You may contact him at: P.O. Box 298, Oriental, NC 28571; or by phone, 249-1329.

PLEASE NOTE

Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, is seeking a part-time youth director. Anyone interested should contact the Rev. Willis Wilson (756-1911) or Mr. Earl Deal (752-7580).

ATTENTION WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Now is the time for you to collect your per capita dues, if you have not already done so. These dues should be collected during the first months of the year, in time to be sent to your district treasurer before, or in time

for, your district convention. The dues are \$.40 per member per year.

Send these dues to your district treasurer; she will keep \$.20 and send \$.20 to your state treasurer. It is necessary that you cooperate in this as these dues provide a part of the funds for the operational expenses of your convention. Thank you for your past cooperation; we know that we can continue to count on you.

Your State Treasurer,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser

ATTENTION, FREE WILL BAPTIST EMPLOYEES OF TEN YEARS OR MORE

The Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc. has one apartment available. It is located in the Dawson House in Middlesex.

The apartment has recently been redecorated and is open for inspection during the day. The cost of residency is thirty percent of one's monthly income.

To view the apartment, contact the Retirement Homes office in Ayden either by writing Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513, or by calling 746-4963.

Walter J. Sutton, Director

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Church Finance Association, Inc. will be held as follows:

Place: First Free Will Baptist Church
604 East Ash Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Date: February 11, 1986

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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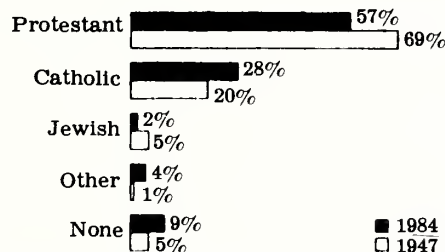
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

March 7—

Free Will Baptist Press,
Ayden, 7 p.m.

March 22—

St. Mary's Church
300 Fleet Street
New Bern, 7 p.m.



Religious Profile

American's religious preferences:

—The Wall Street Journal, November 22, 1985

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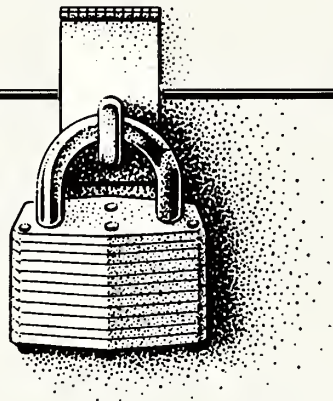
All subscriptions are payable in advance: one year, \$8.88; two years, \$16.20; four years, \$31.35 (including sales tax for North Carolina residents); residents of other states, \$8.50, \$15.50 and \$30 respectively (plus sales tax where it applies).

Every-Family Plan: A 25 percent discount given when local churches send the "Baptist" to the home of every member; names and addresses to be provided by churches. Churches are billed quarterly. **Bundle Plan:** Lots of 25 or more "Baptists" are sent to one individual who in turn distributes these. A 50 percent discount is offered under this plan.

Bookstore Hours: Ayden, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Saturday; Wilson, 10 a.m.—6 p.m., Monday—Saturday; New Bern, and Kinston, 9:30 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Saturday.
Board of Directors: Adrian Grubbs, President; James Billy Hardee, Vice President; Joe Griffith, Secretary; Ruth Taylor, Assistant Secretary; Eddie Edwards, Marice DeBruhl; De Wayne Eakes; Darrell Horne; Ruth Warrick; David W. Hansley, Chairman Emeritus.

Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.: Cliff Gray, Executive Director; Bobby Pennington, Financial Director; Robert Hadden, Production Manager; Janie Jones Sowers, Editor of Literature.

KEEPERS OF THE FAITH



STATE YOUTH CONVENTION MAY 16-18, 1986

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 5:00 P.M. Registration—College Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Supper—New Campus
- 5:00—6:30 P.M. Registration of Arts and Crafts— College Hall, Classroom B
- 6:30 P.M. Practice for Talent Show—College Hall (Auditorium Open Only to Talent Show Participants, 6:30—7:45 p.m.)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice for Youth Convention Choir
- 7:00 P.M. Judging of Arts and Crafts (Judges Only)
- 8:00 P.M. Talent Competition
- 9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library; AFC— Outside Chapel; Bible Bowl Contestants and Coaches—College Hall
- 10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Meeting for Bible Bowl Judges—Place TBA
- Breakfast Meeting for Candidates— Place TBA
- 8:30 A.M. Registration at College Hall for Those Not Yet Registered
- 9:00—10:00 A.M. Business Session for Campaign Speeches—College Hall (Polls Open 10 A.M.—1 P.M.)
- 10:00 A.M. Bible Bowl Competition*
- 10:30 A.M. Public Speaking* Lesson Presentation
- 11:00 A.M. Cragmont Slides
- 11:00—1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:00 P.M. District First Place Winner's Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Registration for Those Not Yet Registered— College Hall

1:30 P.M. Afternoon Business Session—Installment of Officers Immediately Following—College Hall

1:30 P.M. Adult Seminar—Chapel

3:00—3:30 P.M. Refreshment Break

3:30 P.M. Recreation Time (Softball, Kickball, Tennis, Basketball Will Be Available as Well as Special Activities for Cherubs)

4:45 P.M. Choir Practice

5:30 P.M. Supper—New Campus

7:00 P.M. Awards Presentation—College Hall

8:00 P.M. Evening Program

9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library; AFC—Outside Chapel

10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship—Rodgers Chapel

General Information

Cost of meals provided by Mount Olive College Cafeteria will be \$2, breakfast; and \$2.75, lunch and supper.

Cost of lodging overnight will be \$8 per person per night.

The College will furnish linens, bath cloths, towels, and soap.

Guests must bring their own pillows, blankets, money for meals and snacks, Bible, notebook and pencil, and casual clothes for the weekend.

The Free Will Baptist Press and Mount Olive College bookstores will be open on Saturday. Rooms will be assigned in order as registration forms are received (first received, first served).

Money for lodging should be sent with a \$20 registration fee (per church) by May 1, 1985.

Money for meals will be collected at the time of the meal.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Please give address and phone number of person we may contact to answer questions about your group's registration:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Names of adults supervising young people staying overnight at the Convention (at least one adult male and one adult female):

Total number of youth and adults lodging overnight:

Friday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Males (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____
Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Females (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____

Saturday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Males (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____
Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Females (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____

Registration fee (per church) \$20.00

Total amount enclosed _____

Total number of youth and adults eating meals provided by MOC cafeteria.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	*	_____	_____
Lunch	_____	_____	*
Supper	_____	_____	*

*No meals served at this time

Registration forms, along with lodging money and registration fee, should be sent to:

Joan Little
Route 2, Box 347-C
Farmville, NC 27828
Phone: (919) 753-3217

January 1, 1986

Dear Fellow Minister:

The Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association of North Carolina would like to invite you to the annual Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet. This year's banquet will be held on Friday, February 7, 1986. Mount Olive College will be our host for the evening. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$6 per person and will begin at 7 p.m. We look forward with great anticipation to our program this year. The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark from Durham will be the speaker.

We invite minister's widows to be our guests on this occasion. We ask our ministers to help the Executive Committee extend to them a special invitation. Ministers should complete the pre-registration form and send it with your \$6 per person to: Calvin A. Heath, Route 1, Box 288, Dunn, NC 28334, before January 29, 1986. Please make checks payable to: N.C. Ministerial Association.

The Executive Committee would also encourage our ministers to consider an invitation by the General Baptist Minister's Conference to join with them in study and fellowship May 20-22, 1986, at Cragmont Assembly.

In His service,
Calvin A. Heath, Secretary
N.C. Ministerial Association

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
Mid-Year Spiritual Life Banquet

I, _____, will be attending the Banquet on February 7, and am sending
\$_____ for the meal, and will have _____ guest(s) with me.

September 12, 1985

TO: ALL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS
FROM: GENERAL BAPTIST BROTHERS IN THE MINISTRY
SUBJECT: THE GENERAL BAPTIST MINISTER'S CONFERENCE
WHEN: MAY 20-22, 1986
WHERE: CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY CAMPGROUND

Dear Brothers in Christ:

The purpose of this letter is to invite and encourage your attendance. The theme this year is "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee . . ." (2 Timothy 2:15). Dr. Ralph Hardee is the keynote speaker.

Your General Baptist brothers in the ministry desire to get acquainted with their Free Will Baptist brothers in the ministry. Would you please come worship, study, pray and fellowship with us this year at your Cragmont Assembly campground May 20-22, 1986? There should be 125 to 135 of us looking for you. We need YOU!

Your brother in Christ,
Mack Williams

A THREE DOLLAR LIMIT?

I'm tired; and my mind's wheels are spinning a hundred miles an hour in about as many different directions. There are so many challenges before me: There are people to meet and lives to touch. And yes, there are people out there who can touch my life, making it better as a result. I have dreams to fulfill, battles to fight, and a desire to go where the brave dare not go. My quest? To follow that inner voice that beckons. Right now I'm not quite sure where I am to go, but I know what I am to do—make my world a better place in which to live. That's what my friend Jay did.

You see, Jay died last October . . . and my life will never be the same. He was the kind of friend with whom you could share anything—and you didn't worry about what you said. As long as I knew him, I can never remember him calling me by name; he always called me "Sister" and I always felt he was my brother. (Well, he was!) He never said a whole lot—but he lived out his faith in such a powerful way. And so many people saw Christ in him.

Jay never put on "airs." Never given to pretense, you always knew where he stood; and humility was one of his greatest strengths. You and I may not be like that, though; we may be quite self-serving. This thought brings to mind a very mind-probing poem, "I Wonder," written by Ruth Harms Calkin.

You know, Lord, how I serve You
With great emotional fervor
In the limelight.
You know how eagerly I speak for You
At a women's club.
You know how I effervesce when I promote
A fellowship group.
You know my genuine enthusiasm
At a Bible study.

But how would I react, I wonder,
If you pointed to a basin of water
And asked me to wash the calloused feet
Of a bent and wrinkled old woman
Day after day
Month after month
In a room where nobody saw
And nobody knew.

Let the last two lines of that poem sink in: *In a room where nobody saw And nobody knew.* The person who truly cares about others, who truly serves, is not stopped when others cannot learn of their "kindnesses." In fact, they are quicker to do for others when applause is forbidden or restricted. Servanthood expects nothing . . . and Christianity definitely involves servanthood.

But many of us do not want that kind of Christianity. We "would like to buy three dollars worth of God, please, not enough to explode [our] souls or disturb [our] sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. [We] don't want enough of Him to make [us] love a Black man or pick beets with a migrant. [We] want ecstasy, not transformation; [we] want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. [We] want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. [We] would like to buy three dollars worth of God, please" (Wilbur Rees).

For many of us, three dollars worth of God is sufficient. We want a sack full and nothing more. We want just enough to keep our guilt level below the threshold of pain, enough to guarantee escape from the eternal flame. But we definitely do not want enough to make us nervous, to start pushing around our prejudice, or to start nit-picking at our life-styles. Enough is enough. And barely getting into Heaven seems to be sufficient for most Free Will Baptists . . . that sells for about three dollars, I think.

That wasn't enough for Jay.
And it isn't enough for me.

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A True Easter Story

by Roger Hawthorne

One of the first Easters of my ministerial career began with a blizzard. I was still a student pastor, and we had arranged to have an ordained minister come to serve communion. There was a question if he would be able to make it through the storm. To add to the misery, shortly after breakfast, we received word of the death of a woman, one of the twelve brothers and sisters who were members of the congregation. Between the storm, the probable absence of the minister, and the death, I began to anticipate my wife and me having a worship service by ourselves.

I stumbled from the parsonage to the church to be sure it would be warm in case anyone should come, then fought my way back for another cup of coffee. This was a blizzard—I could not see the road from the parsonage.

At church-time, I entered the back room, and there were all the teenagers who composed the choir. Eventually the ordained minister stumbled in, and I marvelled at his dedication to have fought that storm for more than fifty miles.

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The organist slipped out to begin her prelude while the choir, the minister, and I, consoled ourselves that perhaps at least a few people had come to the service. Then the organ volume lifted and we began to march in. There in the front row sat the husband and children of the deceased woman; they had driven thirty miles. Around them were aunts, uncles, and cousins and they were so packed in the sanctuary that some of them had to stand. Never before had there been so many people in a worship service there.

The organist moved into the first hymn, "Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!" In the front row, singing as loudly as any, with tears streaming down their faces, were the husband and children of the deceased woman.

This was a congregation which had come out of the old Evangelical Church of North

America, so as was the custom, the people came forward to receive communion. We bent the rules so that I could help serve. The last man I reached with the wine was the new widower, whose children ranged from elementary to high school in age. My eyes must have been asking a question, for as he replaced the communion glass, he quietly took hold of my arm and whispered, "She has gone home, and we thought we should come home today too, especially today."

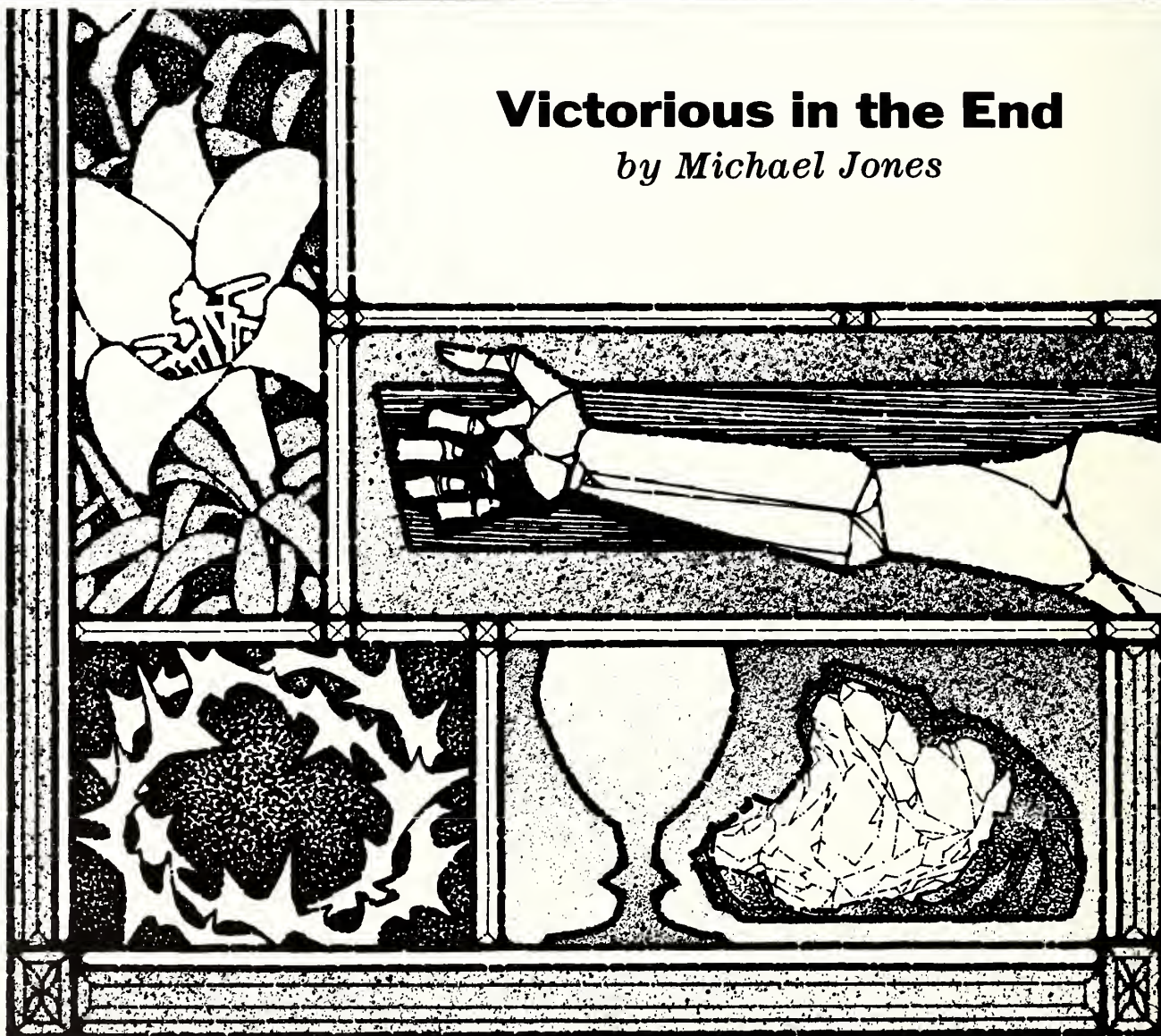
Outside the storm raged on, but no one minded, for inside the Resurrection was being celebrated. And for a certain divinity student, it was the first time he ever really understood the Resurrection.

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

"Yes, for eternity."

Victorious in the End

by Michael Jones



It was a dark, desperate day. The Man who had fed the hungry, healed the sick, and even claimed to be the Son of God was hanging on a cross dying as a common criminal among other criminals. He had claimed to be the way to God but one of His own had betrayed Him; the highest religious court in the land had convicted Him; and the common people had chosen a murderer instead of Him. Even nature had seemed to turn her back on Him as darkness covered the sun and the earth trembled and shook. No wonder He had cried out to God asking why He was forsaken!

What a horrible way to die! Forsaken by His friends, railed on by His enemies, without help or (seemingly) without hope, and even with God's face turned away. What could bring a man to such a death? Why would Jesus willingly walk to Calvary? How could He face such an inglorious end to His life and ministry? The answers are the heart of the Christian message.

First, what could bring a man to such a death? **Sin.** Not His own (for He was sinless) but yours and mine. *All have sinned and come short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23) and *the wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23) so God made him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). The next time you think your sin is small and matters not, then you need to look to Calvary and see how much of a penalty was paid for it!

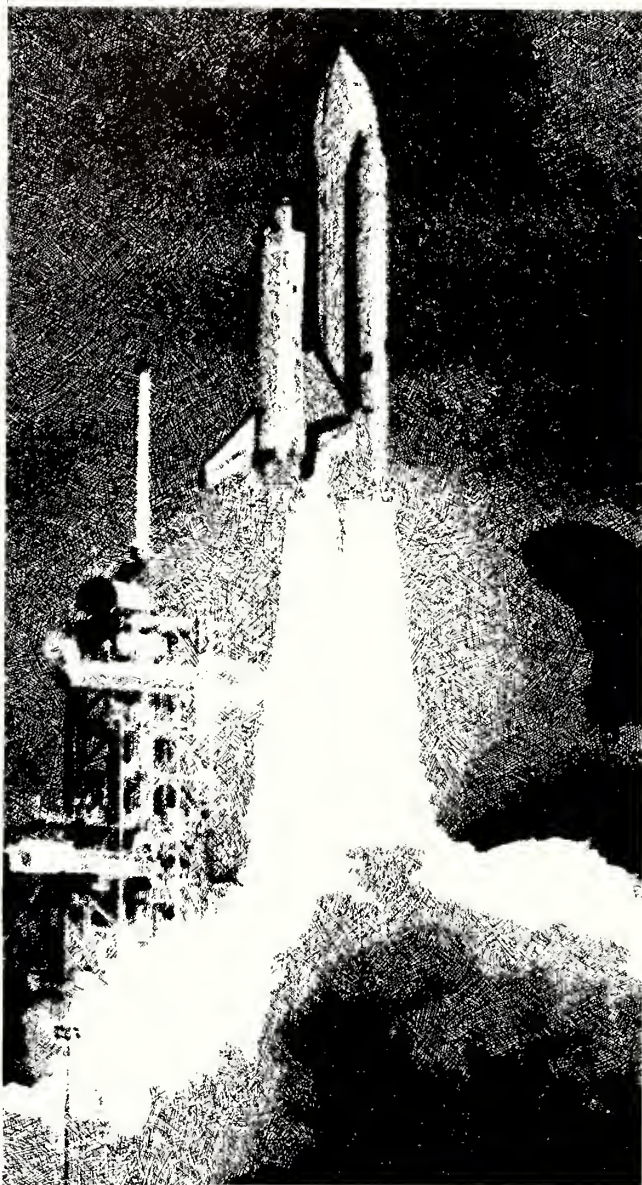
Second, why would Jesus willingly walk to Calvary? **Love.** *God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us* (Romans 5:8). Such love overwhelms me. God did not wait for me to get better or even to stop sinning. Jesus loved me in spite of my sin and offered to pardon me if I would just accept by faith His payment of my sin debt. How can He love us so much when we serve Him so little? How can we serve Him so little when He loves us so much?

Third, how could He face such an inglorious end to His life and ministry? **Hope.** He knew the tomb could not hold Him. He looked beyond the momentary to the permanent. He knew that the end was the beginning. He knew God had a plan and He was doing His part of it. He knew that the defeat of His death would become the victory of His life and *death would be swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us*

the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

If you are in the will of God, do not worry about the crowd's approval, or life's conditions, or changing circumstances; just remember that God will never do wrong and He *will* be victorious in the end.





CATASTROPHE IN THE SKY

by Joseph R. Chambers

The heart of an entire nation was brought to tears on Tuesday, January 28, 1986. Each of us has bled in our individual way. This event touched us as few events do.

Why? I would suggest three reasons we have responded and have hurt as we have.

The first is very simple. Never has an entire nation watched simultaneously as seven Americans were suddenly obliterated. Right before our eyes they were blown to pieces. We watched the debris from it all fall to the earth.

Second, this program of space venturing represents our national pride. All of our technology and scientific accomplishments culminate in this far-reaching program. Suddenly, it didn't click as we were accustomed.

Last, is the reality of a private citizen (one of us) being among the seven. She represented you and me and especially our children. Education of the young is still the heart throb of America. It represents an area that has been taken from our citizenry and given to social reformers. It is an area of our national life that most Americans want back in the hands of its owners.

No wonder we responded as we did. This nation has a heart of gold and we are at our best when we bleed for both our nation and for one another. *Patriotism, compassion, and sacrifice* are three words which describe our finer characteristics.

Out of this event has exploded a new sense of the "fear of God." As has been beautifully said, "There are no atheists in foxholes." Atheism is the product of self-deification and when that deity is suddenly shattered we always have a new sense of the real divinity.

The "fear of God" has been in much disrepute in our nation. Radical descriptions have been given to any idea that suggests judgment, penalty for sin, and inbred human corruption. Human potential has become our mind-set and our "god." The "fear of God" is the basis of a cultural and civilized society. Without it, freedom becomes not only elusive but impossible. It's either sanctity of human life under God or it is ultimately anarchy.

B. F. Skinner expressed the final end of humanism or godlessness when he said, "We can no longer afford freedom, and so it must be replaced with control over man, his conduct and his culture" (*TIME*, September 20, 1971). This man was called by the same article, "the most influential of living American psychologists." He is one of our educational culprits.

The "fear of God" is beautiful. One of the best examples I can imagine is a young lad (maybe two years old) clinging to his father as they stand in a zoo before the lions' cage. The little fellow's heart is pounding as the lion roars. With his arms firmly wrapped around dad's neck, he learns to respect the "king of the forest." Love and fear has found its balance.

Our technology is breathtaking but limited. Seven lives—Francis Scobee, Gregory Jarvis, Christa McAuliffe, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Judith Resnik, and Michael Smith—gave us that testimony.

Their witness has reminded an entire nation that God alone is perfect. We must keep striving, living, and exploring but remembering, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

KINSTONIAN HONORED WITH ARC CITIZEN AWARD

Hulon Whitehead, a native of Dover, who has resided in Kinston for 30 years, has been honored in Raleigh at the 1985 Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of North Carolina Awards Luncheon as the recipient of the 1985 ARC of North Carolina Citizenship Award.

In 1945, at the age of five, he contracted polio. He attended the Dover Elementary School and at the age of 12, was admitted to Caswell Center.

While at Caswell, he was trained in janitorial services. His first competitive employment was in a local barber shop where he did janitorial work and was a shoe shine boy.

A few months later, he was hired at Lester's Hardware Store where he did janitorial work and put up stock. He worked at the store for 13 years and at Sportlanes for four years until he was involved in an accident in 1983 and suffered a broken hip.

He was 23 when he moved out of Caswell Center into a boarding house.

In 1978, he moved into an efficiency apartment where he learned very rapidly to plan his meals, grocery shop and cook.

He also tends a small garden in the back yard of his apartment and prepares his vegetables for freezing. By the end of the summer, he has the freezer section of his refrigerator filled with frozen vegetables which usually last him all winter.

His contribution in the community is immeasurable. He is always willing to help with fund-raising projects by selling tickets to gospel music concerts, door-to-door solicitation

for the cancer drive, heart fund and other worthy organizations.

He has served as chairman of the fund-raising committee for Mount Olive College in Westside Church, of which he is an active member and has contributed to assisting the church exceed its goal during the fund-raising campaign.

He served on the Human Rights Committee at Caswell Center for four years, Neuse Enterprises Sheltered Workshop Board for three years and is a charter member of that Board.

He was very instrumental in the development of Neuse Enterprises, helping with fund-raising projects and never missed a meeting.

He has been a member of the ARC for more than 15 years and is presently on the ARC of

Lenoir County Board of Directors.

He has worked as a counselor at Cragmont Assembly at Black Mountain during AFC Week for the past five years. He enjoys taking pictures of the activities during the week and putting together a slide presentation of the camp, traveling to Free Will Baptist churches throughout the state promoting the week.

Those attending the awards luncheon from Kinston with him were his pastor, the Rev. Wayne King; the ARC of Lenoir County president, Mrs. Ellen Carter; Executive Director, Mrs. Marlene Everett; board member, Mrs. Nancy White; John Bush; Mike Moseley; Gavin Loftin; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brame; and Charlie B. Brame.

The 1986 president of the North Carolina ARC, Mrs. Judy Burke, has appointed Hulon to serve on the ARC/NC Board of Directors and on the 1986 ARC/NC Awards Nominations Committee.



Steve Ramey (left), 1985 ARC/NC President, presents a plaque to Hulon Gray Whitehead.

Meeting a Child's Need for
Spiritual Teaching



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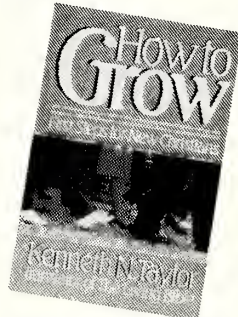
When parents rely mainly on Sunday School teachers and pastors to teach their children about the Christian faith, they are missing out on a golden opportunity, say authors Dean and Grace Merrill. The Merrills believe the family home provides the most effective means of nurturing a child's faith—because of the countless everyday opportunities for teaching spiritual values and the love parents and their children share.

In their new book, *Together at Home*, they provide parents with one hundred proven ways of instilling a love for God and an understanding of the Christian faith in school-age children. Designed for sharing with kids six to twelve, the Merrills' new book shows how parents can interest their children with creative spiritual ideas and involve them in family-shared activities.

"We mix the secular with the sacred," say the Merrills of their family times, "so the kids don't know the difference. We don't want them putting God in a 'Sunday box.' We want them bumping into Him every time they turn around, in the midst of ordinary living. That way, He'll stay a normal, here-and-now part of their lives into adulthood."

Together at Home is based on the Bible, so kids can see where parents get their direction for living and can turn there for their own solutions.—(Trade Paperback, \$5.95.)

Kenneth N. Taylor Talks
About Christian Growth



HOW TO GROW: FIRST STEPS FOR NEW CHRISTIANS

Kenneth N. Taylor, translator of the most widely read modern-language Bible, has written his first major book for adults since publication of *The Living Bible* in 1971. Entitled *How to Grow: First Steps for New Christians*, it outlines steps Christians can take to help deepen their faith and enable them to make the most of their new relationship with God.

Taylor discusses all major facets of Christian growth, including principles and lifestyle, feelings and influences that can hinder growth, and issues that might affect how your religion is practiced.

Describing the decision to become a Christian as the "beginning of opportunities," Taylor talks about what it means to be a Christian and outlines the "hows" of living a pure life. He explains how to deal with the problems of humanness and how to handle Satan's attempts to thwart progress in your new life.

Believing that a Christian's lifestyle should reflect his or her beliefs, Taylor discusses the importance of ordering priorities: God, family, work, and leisure time. He discusses self-image and the love of God, sexual issues, spiritual gifts, doctrinal concerns, and where all of it should fit in a Christian life.—(Hardcover, \$9.95.)

Individuals Can
Fight Pornography



THE MIND POLLUTERS

Showing individuals exactly what they can do in their community to combat pornography is the central aim of Jerry Kirk's new book, *The Mind Polluters*. Described by Charles Colson, president of Prison Fellowship, as "a discerning, well-founded view on the insidious evil of pornography," *The Mind Polluters* discusses the severity of the problem in order to alert those who have not been exposed to serious pornography and may not realize its impact on our society today.

Kirk believes that through our quiet submission, a small pornographic minority has been able to dictate and legislate its tastes in theatres, bookstores, and through television. His book carefully details the history of pornography in America, reports on its effects, and outlines specific steps that an individual, the church, and the community can take to fight it.

It also cites many case histories of cities in which anti-pornography forces have actually closed down "adult" bookstores and theatres.

The author has personally started such a movement in his own church in Cincinnati, Ohio. In doing so, he has alerted the Christian community to their need to fight pornography.

Jerry Kirk is pastor of College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati and president of the National Consultation Against Pornography and Obscenity.—(Trade Paperback, \$6.95.)

UPCOMING CONVENTION

The State Sunday School Convention will convene in its forty-sixth annual session on March 1, 1986. It will be held at Stoney Creek Church.

The theme for the Convention is "Care and Grow Through Teaching." The schedule is as follows: 8:30-9, registration; 9-10:15, workshop sessions; 10:15-10:30, break (refreshments); 10:30-11:30, workshop sessions (continued); 11:30, business session.

Three workshops will be held for teachers. The workshops will set forth practical ways teachers can show greater care for their students, help create greater caring among persons in the class and for those outside the class. The premise is that caring teachers make for caring classes; caring classes make for a growing Sunday School.

"Caring for Children" will be led by Bass Mitchell, field secretary of the State Sunday School Convention, who writes some of our Sunday School literature for youth through adults. Bass is also Minister of Education at Stoney Creek Church.

"Caring for Youth" will be led by Janie Jones Sowers, editor of our literature at the Press. Janie brings a great deal of knowledge and experience in youth ministry to this workshop.

The Rev. Gary Bailey will lead the workshop on "Caring for Adults." Gary is pastor of Stoney Creek Church, as well as President of the State Convention. Gary brings a great deal of creativity and practical experience in adult ministry to this workshop.

The Revs. De Wayne Eakes and Bill Futch will lead a problem-solving seminar for superintendents and ministers. Both are knowledgeable and experienced in Sunday School work. De is pastor of Little Rock Church. Bill is pastor of Bethlehem Church.

Every teacher, superintendent, minister, and other interested person, is encouraged to attend the workshop sessions. They should also plan to attend the business session, as important information will be related at that time.

Stoney Creek Church is located about four miles north of Goldsboro on Patetown Road, or Highway 111.

A NEW PROGRAM

An exciting new program will be announced at the upcoming Convention. It's yet another service offered to our Sunday Schools by the State Sunday School Convention. If you want to know what it is, be there on March 1.

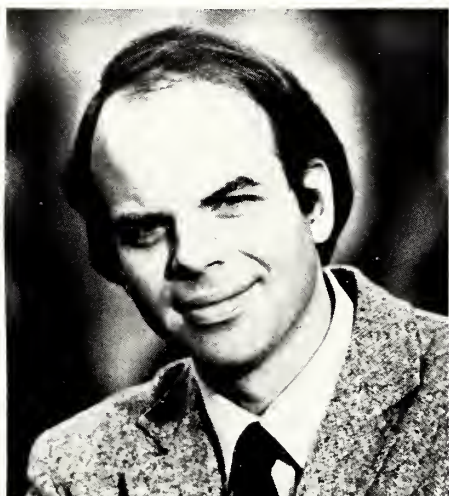


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THEME: Helpers Together by Prayer (1 Corinthians 1:11)

Date: Friday, March 7, 1986
Place: College Hall, Mount Olive College
Sponsor: Board of Foreign Missions
Conference Speaker: David Bryant

Brother Bryant is a missions specialist with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, U.S.A. He has been a delegate to a number of international consultations on world evangelization and was a speaker at the International Prayer Assembly for World Evangelization in Seoul, Korea, in 1984. We are very privileged to have him share with us at the 1986 Conference.

The Conference sessions will be held in College Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served from 9:30-9:55. The sessions during the day will be as follows:

10:00-10:15	<i>Devotion</i>
10:15-12:00	<i>First Session</i> —Topic: "The Most Hopeful Sign of our Times, Energizing Movements of United Prayer, and How They Will Change Everything in YOUR World."
12:00- 1:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:00- 2:30	<i>Second Session</i> —Topic: "How to Mobilize Concerts of Prayer Where YOU Live."
2:30- 2:45	<i>Break</i>
2:45- 4:00	<i>Final Session</i> —Topic: "Next Steps Toward a Movement of Prayer for World Evangelization."
7:30	<i>Mission Rally</i> —Topic: "Prayer and the Fulfillment of the Great Commission."

The entire program for the day will be devoted to the topic of prayer. The purpose of the Conference is for "fullness (awakening in the church) and fulfillment (evangelization among the nations)."

THE WORLD MISSIONS RALLY will be held in College Hall at 7:30. A great program is planned. SPECIAL MUSIC will be provided by the Rev Bruce Goodwin of Rockingham and the Master's Quartet of Pikeville.

There will be no registration fee for the Conference. An offering will be received during the Rally to help cover expenses.

Pastor, church member, friend, make your plans now to attend. **This Conference is not just for everyone else; this Conference is for YOU! Come and bring a large number from your church.**

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Call in your special offering between 1:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. Dial 919-746-4963.



MISSIONARY CANDIDATES APPROVED FOR THE PHILIPPINES

The Board of Foreign Missions is pleased to announce the approval of Paul and Teresa Grubbs as missionary candidates to the Philippines. The Grubbs Family submitted their preliminary applications in September, 1985; after they were reviewed by the Board, the formal application was submitted. The oral interview followed on January 7, at which time the Board approved them as missionary candidates.

Paul and Teresa graduated from Mount Olive College. Paul did further studies at Atlantic Christian College and holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary. He is presently the pastor of Friendship Church, near Middlesex. The Grubbs Family will be leaving the pastorate around the first of April to begin their deputation work. We hope they will be able to depart for the field by October 1. This, however, depends on the level of support they are able to raise. The Board has been forced to establish a new policy regarding the sending of new missionaries because of the weakness of funding for the present program. Each new missionary candidate will be required to raise his or her monthly support from individuals and churches before they can depart for the field. This means that we need churches and individuals to do this above their regular giving; just to earmark present giving would only cripple the Foreign Missions program.

The departure date for the Grubbs Family to the Philippines depends on your response. For further information write or call:

Harold Jones
Board of Foreign Missions
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Notice—Give the Grubbs Family an opportunity to visit your church. Contact this office; or Paul Grubbs, Route 1, Box 46, Middlesex, NC 27557; phone: 919-269-8077.

GOD IS MOVING IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

submitted by Fred P. Baker

Palawan is a long narrow island, measuring 277 miles long and 24 miles wide at the widest point. Puerto Princesa, the home of Palawan Bible College and the headquarters of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines, is located on the east coast, about in the middle.

The year 1985 proved to be an exciting year for God's work there. From 1981 until 1985, the Free Will Baptist work was located in the Puerto Princesa area. Planning, prayers, and training for the past years had been laying the foundation for that day when Free Will Baptists would move out. In July, 1985, five teams of two workers each launched out to open five new areas with the gospel. Three teams went south to Inagawan, Apo Aporawan, and Abo Abo. Two teams went north to Manalo and Calawag. In November, 1985, another team of two workers opened Libertad in the north. Free Will Baptists now have three outreaches in the south and three in the north. The following is a report on what is happening in the north.

Calawag is the farthest north, being 200 km or 125 miles from Puerto Princesa. It takes around seven hours to drive that distance. That should tell you something about the road condition. Marcos Taladro and Leonardo Buisson began their work there in July, 1985. There was no evangelical church in the entire barangay. A barangay is like a county in North Carolina. Since July, they have conducted several funerals, dedicated four babies, led many to Christ, and baptized eight persons. They meet regularly for services under two large mango trees by the

side of the road. The people have chosen a hillside across the road from the two large trees where they meet and have dreams of building a small Free Will Baptist chapel to worship in. Attendance ranges from fifty up to seventy.

Libertad is around 180 km. or 112 miles north of Puerto. Lilibeth Nacase and Helen Carobot arrived in Libertad the last week of November, 1985. There was no evangelical witness here either. At first some of the people of Libertad thought these two new ladies in their barangay were witches. In December, the Rev. Pio dela Rosa and I visited Lilibeth, Helen, and the barangay captain. January 1, the Rev. Pio dela Rosa, Bernabe Escholar, Felipe Carmen, Stevie Baker,

and I went back to Libertad and spent two days to help build two rooms onto the barangay captain's house for the ladies to live in. Through it all, God has been moving. Lilibeth and Helen now have a Bible study started with 15 in attendance.

Manalo is only 48 km. north of Puerto. Susan dela Rosa and Analiza Regala arrived in Manalo in July, 1985. There was no evangelical church here either. They began conducting home Bible studies, Sunday School, and worship services. They meet for services in the barangay hall. Attendance is good. In September, they conducted a religious film showing with over forty people responding for more information about God. They now have four that are ready for baptism and others are being prepared.

The fields are truly white unto harvest. It is harvest time in the Philippines, yet that does not mean it is an easy task. When you commit yourself to go into a territory which Satan controls 100%, you can expect a great battle. There is a lot of difference in working there than in places where Satan has already lost part of his control. There have been trials, and hardships, but Calawag, Libertad, and Manalo are living testimonies that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Jesus Christ has proven He is faithful and that He is bigger than any problem we face.

Thank you for your prayers and support that is helping us to tear down Satan's stronghold in the north country.

PALAWAN BIBLE COLLEGE

(A Free Will Baptist Bible College in the Philippines, Training Filipinos to Reach Their Nation With the Gospel)

HISTORY

Palawan Bible College is not the work of man alone. God in His wisdom has used many people in different places to accomplish His plan.

Palawan Bible College began as an idea with the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones as a vehicle to train and equip leaders for the young Free Will Baptist denomination. The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King labored long hours to put flesh on that idea. Property was located under God's direction. God used the Foreign Missions Board to present the program to Free Will Baptists in the United States. God touched many tender hearts and the land was provided. The Fred Baker Family was added to the team. God was faithful and in the spring of 1979, Palawan Bible Institute was opened.

There were three teachers, six students, property, but no building. Classes met in the chapel of the local church. Many people in the Philippines and the United States rejoiced and praised the living God for His great power in bringing this event to pass. However, God was not finished.

The boys' and girls' dormitories, with a capacity of twelve students each, were added.

An administration building, kitchen and dining hall, two classrooms and a small library were the next additions.

God sent the Charles Barnard Family, the Willem van der Plas Family, and faithful Filipino believers to enhance Palawan Bible College's faculty and staff.

God in His timing erected a National Headquarters Building on the Palawan Bible College campus. In this building, Palawan Bible College was given an apartment for the director and a room for a larger library. From that simple beginning, God's arm has never been short.

God's power and guidance is witnessed with amazement in the area of the Palawan Bible College program. From the beginning until now we have been blessed by the leadership of God in this college. Through faculty, staff, conferences, workshops, and many advisors, God has clearly shown His way and His plan. From 1979 until 1985, Palawan Bible College offered an associate degree in Biblical Education. This was Phase One of development which has become known as the A.B.E. Program. Students live on campus in dorms. The unique feature of this two-year

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Student body standing in front of classroom building.



Flag-raising ceremony—library and printing building in the background.



Meal time.

program is that when possible student textbooks are programmed textbooks which are written for Theological Education by Extension (TEE). The challenge to combine the two forms of education, traditional classroom education and Theological Education by Extension, has been both a learn-



Studying.



Students studying in the library; 4,000 additional books needed.



Student work program—gardening.

ing and an exciting experience. Education is a lifetime experience. In the A.B.E. Program, the student is able to identify with his old method of study and be introduced to a programmed learning situation that he can take with him the rest of his life.

In 1985, Palawan Bible Institute changed its name to Palawan Bible College, and implemented Phase Two of development. The junior and senior years were begun, leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Ministries or a Bachelor's in Biblical Education. This program has become identified as the B.B.E. Program. Again: "God has been creative."

The students do not live on campus. They must be involved in ministry. The study is totally by the Theological Education by Extension method. They work on location four weeks and do their programmed text and projects. They then come back to campus for ten days of seminars, workshops, and classroom time for the course. They have three of these blocks in each semester. In each of these blocks, they study, test, and prove the materials and concepts they are learning. They complete two courses each block. The teacher introduces the course, gives materials and assignments, and the students go out. Classroom time comes after their field work. The ten days on campus require the workers to utilize their laymen and deacons to preach and teach in their absence. God has used this to stimulate many laymen to desire more training. So Phase Three will be started in June, 1986.

Phase Three will involve opening a TEE Center in every church, mission, and outreach, for the equipping of every believer for ministry in fulfilling the task of world evangelism. This will be called the Lay Pastor and Christian Worker Certificate Program. The curriculum consists of twelve foundational, pre-college courses. These will prepare every believer who desires to be a functional member in God's Kingdom in the domain of his local church. It also will prepare him to enter Palawan Bible College, should God so lead him.

NEEDS

In the development of the program, we notice several urgent needs for which we ask your prayers.

In the sector of personnel, we need two additional faculty members.

The present number of books in our library is 4,000 below the accreditation standards of the Philippine Association of Bible and Theological Schools (PABATS). With a thankful heart we look at our present library, but we know also that the accreditation committee will not be satisfied with the present number of books. With your care, we are blessed with a beautiful library room in the printing building.

Our third need is the music department of the college. A keyboard instrument is needed for more effective music teaching. This can be a piano or an organ. The Filipino believers love to sing, and therefore it is essential that the students receive a minimum education in Christian music.

The extension of office and storage space is our fourth objective.

The fifth need is a faculty-staff house for single lady employees, because they live a long way from the campus.

Another important need is for sponsorship of work scholarships for students who are not able to pay their expenses.

We have put these needs into the hands of our Lord, being convinced that He will provide. We believe that the Lord knows these needs already, so let us praise Him with thanksgiving.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Phase One has been implemented, tested, and evaluated. These are reasons for thanksgiving; we have our ministers from our own denominational college and they understand the Free Will Baptist doctrines and policy. The college is providing the present needs of personnel in the ministry.

Phase Two, which was begun in June, 1985, for the continuing education of the third and fourth year students, is progressing very well. During the testing and proving of Phase One and the implementation of Phase Two, the Lord has enabled the students to open ten new outreaches. Eight of these were in barangays without any evangelical church. A barangay is comparable to a county in the United States.

Phase Three will be implemented in June, 1986. This will involve the opening of eleven centers for the teaching and equipping of the believers in the local congregations for ministry. This will utilize the Theological Education by Extension Program (TEE), and textbooks which are accredited by Palawan Bible College, Palawan Bible College is serving the Free Will Baptist churches of the Philippines in accomplishing their goals of commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. These commitments to Christ are:

1. Philippine leadership in true Christian concept.
2. The equipping and involvement of every believer in fulfilling the Great Commission. Palawan Bible College is training leaders for the churches. These leaders will plant new churches. They will also train and equip laymen for ministry. As these laymen share their faith they will channel to Palawan Bible College those believers whom God calls to full-time ministry and specialized training.



Building—Chabra School/Church Building near completion—elementary students in foreground, India.



Baptizing—Brother Antonio Escobar, Mexico.



Preaching—The Rev. Pio Dela Rose, president of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines



Teaching—Miss Bea Manzano, Palawan Bible College, Philippines.

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March is Foreign Missions Month.

1985—A YEAR OF ADVANCEMENT AND CHALLENGE AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

by Patti O'Donoghue
Director of Public Information
Mount Olive College

The Mount Olive College family focused on the advancement of a new four-year program in 1985 with enthusiasm and commitment. The College met a multitude of challenges and enrolled its first senior class in the fall. Those seniors are slated to graduate on May 10.

Enrollment set an all-time high of 472 students in on-campus programs and 216 in extension programs, for a total of 688. This year's enrollment figure is a far cry from the 22 students in 1954 when the College began operations in Mount Olive.

The College had been chartered in 1951 by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists as a two-year institution. In those days the location was at Cragmont Assembly, near Black Mountain, North Carolina. When the decision was made to move to Mount Olive, there was \$6.17 in the budget for higher education. Today Mount Olive College pumps nearly \$5 million annually into the Mount Olive/Wayne County economy.

With a strong commitment to student financial aid, Mount Olive College awarded \$1.3 million in scholarships and grants during the 1984-85 academic year. College-sponsored, federal, and state funds are available at Mount Olive to help students pursue their education beyond high school level.

New Degrees and Faculty

Complete four-year degree programs were offered for the first time in 1985. Students may

now earn bachelor of arts, science and applied science degrees at Mount Olive College. Areas of study include liberal arts, business administration, religion, recreation, general studies and church ministries. The bachelor of applied science degree was designed especially for graduates of community and technical colleges. Associate degrees, transfer programs and business certificates are available as always.

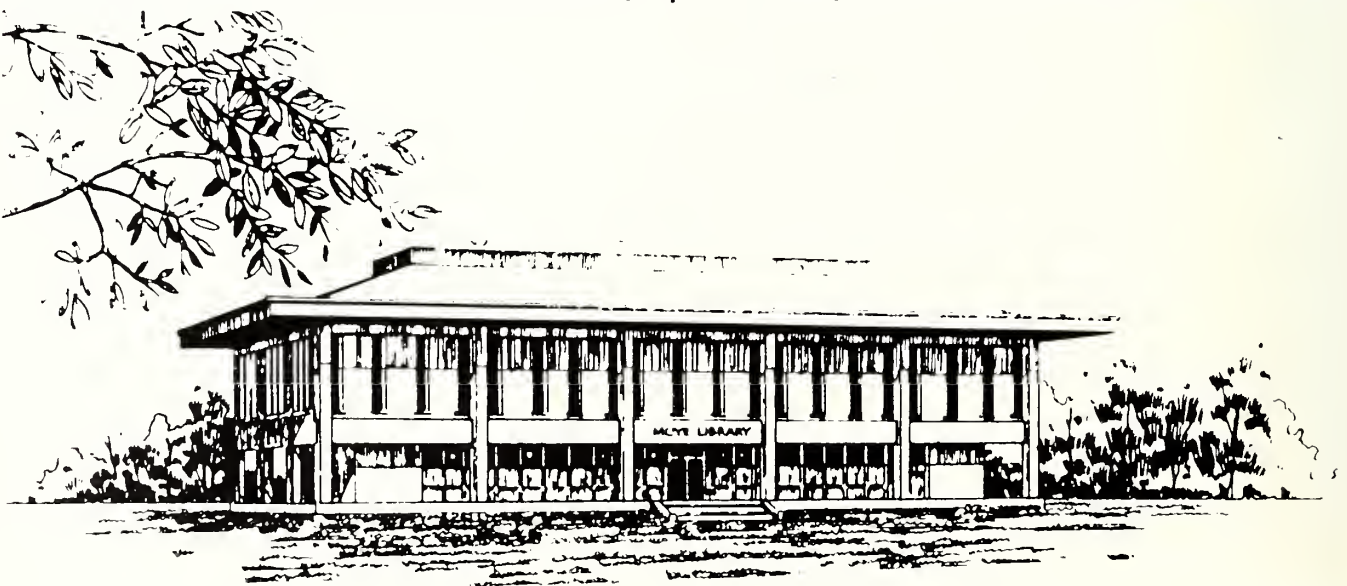
With the addition of baccalaureate degrees came the need for professors with doctorates. Five were appointed—Dr. Charles Phillips, English; Dr. William H. Huffman, psychology; Dr. James L. White, business; Dr. Ram U. Verma, mathematics; and Dr. E. Ron Mendell, recreation studies.

Three other members of the College faculty are pursuing their doctoral studies—Elizabeth L. Braswell in English, James A. Coats in business, and Willis A. Brown in science. They expect to complete their studies by mid-1986.

Challenges Met

One of the greatest challenges for Mount Olive College came in October with the announcement of a \$500,000 challenge grant. The College raised an equal amount for endowment to qualify for the grant by February 22, 1986, well before the July 15 deadline.

An ongoing challenge is the development of the library for the senior college program. The



major requirement is a minimum of 50,000 volumes in the library. During the year, 3,000 were added to the library, bringing the total collection to 40,000. A schedule was set for acquiring an additional 10,000 new books needed by 1988.

The challenges extended to sports as Mount Olive College moved from junior college status to the four-year ranks, joining the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Last year, in their final year of competition as a junior college, the Trojans won the annual Pickle Classic Basketball Tournament.

Men's soccer and women's volleyball and tennis will be added to the intercollegiate program in 1986.

Meeting the challenge to graduate students who are "computer literate," computers were purchased for a second computer lab. In addition, most administrative areas of the College have also begun using computers for the day-to-day operations.

Physical Changes

Several physical changes took place during the year. The need for additional student housing was met with the construction of two new apartment complexes which house 64 students. Each apartment consists of an attractively furnished kitchen, living/dining room area, a bath and four private bedrooms. Upper classmen were given priority in the new housing.

The facilities at College Hall were enhanced with the construction of a major parking lot and the installation of parking lot lights.

The student center was redesigned to house the office of the vice president for Student Affairs and the director of Career Planning and Placement, who assists students with their career choices and in-job placement.

Outstanding Cultural Programs

The annual Cultural Arts and Lecture Series brought outstanding programs to the community. Mount Olive College hosted a spectacular "Space Week" in September. Noted space scientist, Dr. Brian O'Leary of California, thrilled his audience with projections of future life in outer space.

Within the same week, NASA astronaut William E. Thornton, a native of Faison, came to the campus to return the Mount Olive College four-year charter. Thornton had carried the charter with him on board the spaceship Challenger, traveling 110 orbits—2,511,592 miles around the earth.

The 1985 Pierson Lecturer was world-renowned clergyman, Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, writer of the syndicated column, "Daily Bread."

The full North Carolina Symphony performed in College Hall for the first time during the 1984-85 year. College Hall also hosted the symphony's Children's Concerts for fourth and fifth grade students in Wayne County.

Special Singers Performances

There were two unexpected additions to the performance schedule of the Mount Olive College Singers. In January, the Singers were invited to represent North Carolina in "The Inaugural Entertainment Company" at the 50th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC. Their schedule included the nationally televised opening ceremonies and performances through the city, including one of the five inaugural balls.

Another unexpected invitation was issued in July. The group was asked to be part of the pageantry-filled show of the 75th National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort Hill, Virginia. Performing in the "Great American Entertainment Company," the Singers shared the spotlight with the Beach Boys, the Naval Academy Band, and multiple jet flyovers.

Dinners Reach All-time High

Each year 17 gift support dinners are held by Free Will Baptists in eastern North Carolina in support of Mount Olive College. The College received \$202,657—the goal was \$200,000.

Wayne County distinguished itself two ways in support of Mount Olive. First, the county churches made the largest contribution of any county in the history of the dinners. The amount, \$32,295, was \$12,045 over its goal of \$20,250. Second, Spring Hill Church, with a membership of 92, contributed \$7,305. This was the largest amount ever given by a single church.

The list of 1985 accomplishments could go on and on. One fact is sure—Mount Olive College is growing. The four-year program was a challenge to be met, but it isn't the end of the College's advancement.

"This year has witnessed a growing enthusiasm and commitment toward making Mount Olive a great Christian college," says Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. "Our work is not completed. We are, indeed, preparing to make 1986 an even greater year!"

In other words, watch out 1986, HERE WE COME!

(From the progress edition of the *Goldsboro News Argus*, published February 27.)

REMEMBERING WILLIAM (BILL) LEROY DALE



Alma S. and the late Rev. William (Bill) L. Dale.

Bill Dale lived 68 years and two months: July 17, 1917—September 17, 1985. At the age of 49, on January 20, 1967, he was ordained into the ministry of the Original Free Will Baptist Church and spent the last 19 years of his life as pastor of Spring Hill Church in Wayne County.

Under his leadership, the church experienced the greatest development in its history. In addition to an extensive building program, the church, with a membership of less than one hundred, rose to the forefront in its support of denominational enterprises. Undergirding this visible development was a quality of spiritual vitality which characterizes the church and its members.

Working side by side with Bill was his faithful wife of nearly 40 years, Alma, whose musical talents are known by Free Will Baptists throughout North Carolina.

The pilgrimage of Bill's life which led to his effective ministry goes back to his youth, when, at the age of 17, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Twenty-five years later he made a rededication of his life to Christ and joined Stoney Creek Church. Here he served as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, member of the building committee, treasurer, and delegate to many denominational events. It was by Stoney Creek Church that he was licensed as a minister in

1966. It was to this church that his body was returned for funeral services and burial. Three of his close friends in the ministry, the Revs. Joseph Ingram, Harold Jones, and Gary M. Bailey, officiated.

The account of Bill's ministry, however, does not end here.

A Living Memorial

Following Bill's death individuals, families, and church organizations made memorial gifts to Mount Olive College. His wife established an endowment to which the memorial gifts were transferred; and on January 26, Spring Hill Church observed "William L. and Alma S. Dale Endowment Day." Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, was the speaker; and an offering was received for the Dale Endowment.

Dr. Raper described Bill Dale as a man anointed of God, who, like his Lord, preached the gospel and healed the brokenhearted. "The greatest tribute we can pay to Bill's memory is to pray that God will send us more like him, and then help those whom He sends to equip themselves to fulfill their calling. Through the Bill and Alma Dale Endowment we can extend their ministry far beyond their years on earth," he declared.

THE WILLIAM L. AND ALMA S. DALE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT
Mount Olive College

Mount Olive, North Carolina

The William L. and Alma S. Dale Scholarship Endowment is established by Alma S. Dale as a memorial to her husband, William L. Dale.

All gifts to the Dale Endowment will be invested according to fiduciary policies established by the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College. Previous gifts in memory of William L. Dale are to be placed in the Dale Endowment. The earnings from the Fund will be used to provide scholarships for students preparing for:

1. The Christian ministry;
2. Christian missionary work; and
3. Christian service.

Additional contributions to the Dale Endowment may be made in any amount, at any time, by members of the Dale family, friends, churches and any other interested persons.



Waters Brings Chapel Message—Mount Olive College Chaplain Frank Harrison, left, pauses with the Rev. Marvin Waters, who spoke recently at Rodgers Chapel. A 1973 graduate of Mount Olive College, Waters is pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Bern. In his message, Waters encouraged the students to dedicate themselves to a life of service (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

CAROLINE C. ROUSE RESIGNS

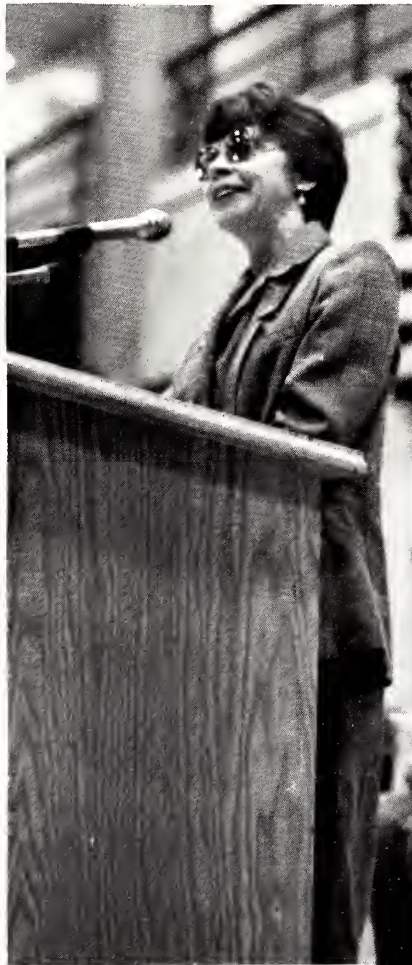
Married in November to Roy Rouse of La Grange, Mrs. Caroline Castelloe Rouse has resigned as Registrar after 20 years of service to Mount Olive College. Her husband, Roy Rouse of La Grange, is the owner of Rouse Transportation Company. Mrs. Rouse leaves Mount Olive to assist in the family business.

She was honored during Spring Convocation for her contributions to the life of the College.

"Twenty years ago, when the College consisted of the downtown campus," said Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, "Miss Caroline Castelloe joined our math faculty. During the years, she has served with dedication and love, and now she is moving on to another stage in her life."

A special plaque was awarded to Mrs. Rouse. The inscription read:

Presented to Caroline Castelloe Rouse in appreciation of 20 years of service rendered to Mount Olive College as Teacher, Counselor, Registrar, 1965-1985.



Mrs. Caroline C. Rouse shares a few remembrances during Spring Convocation after receiving a presentation honoring her for 20 years of service at Mount Olive College (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



CELEBRATE EASTER EVERY DAY

by Dave Kimberly

There is no event in all of human history which is more stunning or more revolutionary than the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Truly, if Jesus did rise from the dead then we have *good news* to proclaim from the rooftops. If He did not, then we are the sorriest of all people, for we have believed in a falsehood. Happily, such is not the case. There is still God's Word which speaks to our lives and to the world.

While Easter is a special occasion that we celebrate only once a year, I feel that it is an event that we should celebrate each day. As we live in Christ we arise renewed every day; as we live in Christ we experience Him and the power of His Resurrection every day. We are blessed to have every aspect of our lives anointed by the good news that has been proclaimed to us.



CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

- If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

JUDGING DEVELOPMENT

The process of maturing is difficult for children, and sometimes parents make it harder than it has to be. However, if we expect behavior that is natural for a child's immature state—sometimes obedient, sometimes rebellious—the child can live up to the standards set. Casual praise for obedience, without blame for other times, will encourage children. Then, they will please you with progress toward mature actions.

We add to children's problems when we tend to judge their actions as "good" or "bad." Too often, we call quiet, clean and obedient children "good" because they are less bothersome than are dirty, unruly, boisterous children. We must not expect too much too soon. If we think of children as "little adults" rather than as the immature persons they are, we may assume that they can judge right from wrong. If we punish children before they can understand "good" and "bad" we can start an unhappy round of commands, rebellion, and punishment. Children get a sense of security from knowing that their strong inner feelings are not overwhelming to their parents. As they grow, they look to their parents for control, control that forms the pattern that children eventually establish for themselves. If we understand that they still have a lot of growing up to do and that they need both freedom and controls, life with them can be a delight.





SHOWERS OF PENNIES

On December 8, 1985, Fellowship Church in Wilson observed Children's Home Day. During the morning worship, Bobby R. Taylor, executive director, shared current information about the child-care ministry. He also brought the morning message relating the Triangle for Successful Living. The message centered around the family roles and relationships.

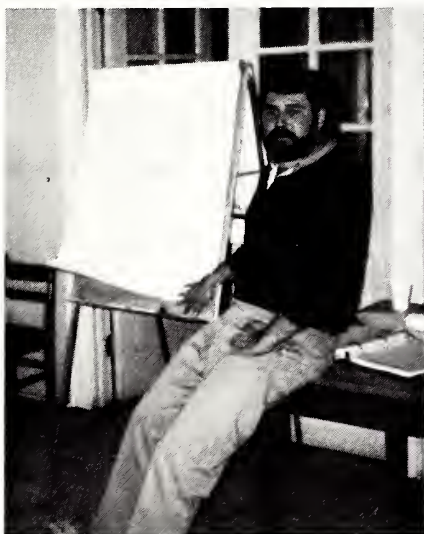
Preparation for the day began months before with a penny drive. The members saved their pennies, and after the service, the pastor, Harold Swinson, and members presented several containers of pennies making a contribution of \$130.

We want to take this time to thank the members of Fellowship Church and the pastor for sharing their prayers, concern and support.

PREPARING FOR SERVICES

Working with children is one of the most rewarding and challenging professions in life. Children come into our child-care ministry from many different backgrounds, life situations and experiences. To deal with all these dynamics effectively, we must train ourselves in these skills so that we may be worthy of our calling.

On January 15, 1986, the staff attended an on-campus training session in Preventive Intervention Techniques (PIT). This training session dealt with many aspects in child care. One of its primary goals was to help the child-care worker understand the importance and value of building relationships with children. It is of utmost importance to know, understand, and relate to the children in our



care. Learning how to evaluate different criteria, the environment, yourself, and the child, is not as easy as it may seem. It is easy at times to handle each criterion separately, but when combined they can become very complex.

As we are called by God to be of service in His work, it is also a call to prepare ourselves to be the best servants possible. Child-care is a special ministry. To be a part of a ministry that has provided "a Christian home for boys and girls" for over 65 years, is a high calling for which we should be proud and honored. During each year on our campus, the child-care workers are asked to better prepare themselves for the high quality of caring for the special needs of children.

This preparation takes many forms, i.e. group meetings in problem solving, sharing past experiences, workshops, seminars, conferences and spiritual guidance. Through this commitment, we are able to train our children each day and each moment of each day. Thank you for your prayers, for they are the foundation of your child-care ministry.

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of Director of Child Care. Applicants must be 21 years of age, possess a four-year degree (and preferably a Masters) from an accredited four-year college in social work, psychology, child care or related humanities. Applicants must also have had at least two year's experience in the field of social work, psychology, child care or related humanities. Salary will be commensurate with ability and experience.

For further information, you may call 1-919-235-2161; or write to: Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc., Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES**

**Winterville Free Will Baptist Church
Winterville, North Carolina
March 8, 1986**

CONVENTION THEME: "Leaguers: Training for God's Service"

CONVENTION SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 2:15

THEME SONG: "Onward, Christian Leaguers"

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Chorus Singing, Pam Kennedy
—Devotions, Kirby Bolin, Christian Chapel
—Welcome, Alton Ray Hines, Winterville
—Response, Aspen Grove League
- 10:20—President's Remarks, Lloyd Jones Jr.
- 10:25—Appointment of Committees
—Reading Minutes and Treasurer's Report
—Old Business
—Christian Cadet Conference Report, the Rev. Bobby Taylor
- 10:30—State Sword Drill, Mrs. Margaret Ard
- 10:55—Hymn 137, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
—Offering
—Model League Workshops:
 Story Hour I (Beginners), Mrs. Deborah Rollins, Mrs. Barbara Yates
 Story Hour II, Mrs. Barbara Barfield, Mrs. Carol Aycock
 Juniors, Becky Jo Sumner
 Teenage, Mrs. Madge Vanhorn
 Adult, the Rev. C. H. Overman
 Youth Ages Through 8, Mrs. Cindi Brown
 Youth Ages 9 Up, Pam Kennedy
—Chorus Singing for Youth
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Singspiration, Three Leagues
- 1:30—New Business
—Committee Reports
—Election of Officers
- 1:50—Hymn 412, "Onward, Christian Leaguers"
—League Benediction

Pianist: Mrs. Marla Ham
Organist: Mrs. Linda Weathersby
Ushers: Aspen Grove League
 Christian Chapel League
 Mount Zion League
 Sound Side League

**"THE TRAINING BRANCH
OF THE CHURCH"**

LEAGUE DEFINITION: The Training Service of the Church

MOTTO: "The Kingdom of God First" (Matthew 6:33)

LEAGUE SONG: "Onward, Christian Leaguers"

LEAGUE BENEDICTION: "... LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another" (Genesis 31:49).

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**STUDY GUIDE FOR 1987
JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE SWORD
DRILL**

North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues
A Study of the Word LOVE

I. Scripture Searching

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| 1. Proverbs 10:12 | 13. Hebrews 13:1 |
| 2. 1 John 4:7 | 14. Hosea 11:4 |
| 3. Psalm 18:1 | 15. John 13:35 |
| 4. Romans 13:10 | 16. Micah 6:8 |
| 5. Proverbs 17:17 | 17. 2 Corinthians 5:14 |
| 6. Revelation 3:19 | 18. Deuteronomy 6:5 |
| 7. 1 Corinthians 13:4 | 19. 2 Peter 1:7 |
| 8. Amos 5:15 | 20. Joshua 22:5 |
| 9. Matthew 5:44 | 21. Romans 13:8 |
| 10. Jeremiah 31:3 | 22. Nehemiah 1:5 |
| 11. Matthew 24:12 | 23. Ephesians 3:19 |
| 12. Proverbs 15:17 | 24. Leviticus 19:18 |

II. Unfinished Quotations

- "For God so loved the world . . ." (John 3:16).
- "For the love of money is the root of all evil . . ." (1 Timothy 6:10).
- "A time to love, and a time to hate . . ." (Ecclesiastes 3:8).
- "Husbands, love your wives . . ." (Ephesians 5:25).
- "As many as I love, I rebuke . . ." (Revelation 3:19).

6. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . ." (Mark 12:30).
7. "And now abideth faith, hope, love . . ." (1 Corinthians 13:13).
8. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light . . ." (1 John 2:10).
9. "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scriptures . . ." (James 2:8).
10. "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies . . ." (Luke 6:27).
11. "And above all these things put on love . . ." (Colossians 3:14).
12. "That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate . . ." (Titus 2:2).

III. Character Drill (Bible characters who in some way spread the message of love)

1. John (Revelation 1:9)
2. Gaius (3 John 1:1)
3. Aaron (Exodus 28:1)
4. Apostles (Matthew 10:2-4)
5. Abel (Genesis 4:4)
6. Christ (1 Corinthians 15:22)
7. Angel (Luke 1:30-31)
8. Apollos (Acts 18:24)
9. Moses (Exodus 3:15-16)
10. David (Isaiah 9:7)
11. Jesus (Matthew 4:17)
12. Job (Job 42:1-2)
13. Paul (Acts 16:9)
14. Peter (Acts 2:38)
15. Rahab (Joshua 6:23)
16. Saul (Acts 9:4-6)
17. Woman of Samaria (John 4:28-29)
18. Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25)
19. Apphia and Archippus (Philemon 1:2)
20. Titus (Titus 1:4)
21. Luke and Mark (2 Timothy 4:11)
22. Onesimus (Colossians 4:9)
23. Timothy (1 Corinthians 16:10)
24. Priscilla and Aquila (Romans 16:3)

IV. Book Drill

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| 1. Luke | 13. Ecclesiastes |
| 2. 2 Chronicles | 14. 2 Peter |
| 3. Ephesians | 15. Joshua |
| 4. Ezekiel | 16. Romans |
| 5. Hebrews | 17. Obadiah |
| 6. Malachi | 18. 2 John |
| 7. Colossians | 19. Numbers |
| 8. 2 Samuel | 20. Titus |
| 9. Acts | 21. Ezra |
| 10. Isaiah | 22. Galatians |
| 11. 2 Thessalonians | 23. Daniel |
| 12. Nahum | 24. Matthew |

V. Topical Drill (A continued study of the love)

1. Dinner (Proverbs 15:17)

2. Friends (John 15:13)
3. Mind (2 Corinthians 13:11)
4. Faith (2 Thessalonians 1:3)
5. Love (Revelation 2:4)
6. Prosper (Psalm 122:6)
7. Perfect (1 John 4:18)
8. Commandment (John 15:12)
9. Believing (1 Peter 1:8)
10. Hypocrisy (Romans 12:9)
11. Years (Genesis 29:20)
12. Work (1 Thessalonians 1:3)
13. Heart (1 Timothy 1:5)
14. Ministered (Hebrews 6:10)
15. Grudge (Leviticus 19:18)
16. Neighbor (Galatians 5:14)
17. Meekness (Ephesians 4:2)
18. Lady (2 John 1:5)
19. Circumcision (Galatians 5:6)
20. Rooted (Ephesians 3:17)
21. One another (John 13:34)
22. Witness (Revelation 1:5)
23. World (1 John 2:15)
24. Sober-minded (Titus 2:4)

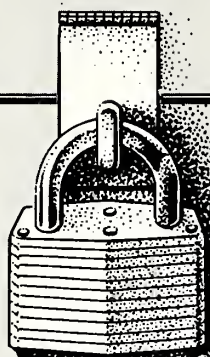
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1. The Bible teaches the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:7). Read the first verse of either one.
2. The Bible teaches the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Read verse 9.
3. The Bible teaches Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Read 5:1; 7:29.
4. The Bible teaches the Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13). Read verse 1.
5. The Bible teaches us that **all** have sinned (Romans 3:23).
6. The Bible teaches us **how** to be saved (Romans 10:9-10).
7. The Bible teaches us that **anyone** can be saved (Romans 10:13).
8. The Bible teaches us that Jesus **saves** us from our sins (John 3:17).
9. The Bible teaches us that Jesus was **wounded** and **crucified** for our sins (Isaiah 53:7-8).
10. The Bible teaches us **how** to pray (Matthew 7:7-8).
11. The Bible teaches us that God **answers** prayer (1 John 5:14).
12. The Bible teaches us that we may **know** that we have been saved (1 John 5:13).

Bibles will be provided. Any **church** or **youth group** may have a junior or an intermediate contestant in the State Bible Sword Drill. However, at the Convention the church must register with a \$15 registration fee.

For more information, call or write: Mrs. Margaret Ard, Route 1, Box 155, Pink Hill, NC 28572; phone, 568-4685.

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STATE YOUTH CONVENTION MAY 16-18, 1986

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 5:00 P.M. Registration—College Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Supper—New Campus
- 5:00—6:30 P.M. Registration of Arts and Crafts—College Hall, Classroom B
- 6:30 P.M. Practice for Talent Show—College Hall (Auditorium Open Only to Talent Show Participants, 6:30—7:45 p.m.)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice for Youth Convention Choir
- 7:00 P.M. Judging of Arts and Crafts (Judges Only)
- 8:00 P.M. Talent Competition
- 9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library; AFC—Outside Chapel; Bible Bowl Contestants and Coaches—College Hall
- 10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Meeting for Bible Bowl Judges—Place TBA
Breakfast Meeting for Candidates—Place TBA
- 8:30 A.M. Registration at College Hall for Those Not Yet Registered
- 9:00—10:00 A.M. Business Session for Campaign Speeches—College Hall (Polls Open 10 A.M.—1 P.M.)
- 10:00 A.M. Bible Bowl Competition*
- 10:30 A.M. Public Speaking* Lesson Presentation
- 11:00 A.M. Cragmont Slides
- 11:00—1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:00 P.M. District First Place Winner's Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Registration for Those Not Yet Registered—College Hall

1:30 P.M. Afternoon Business Session—Installment of Officers Immediately Following—College Hall

1:30 P.M. Adult Seminar—Chapel

3:00—3:30 P.M. Refreshment Break

3:30 P.M. Recreation Time (Softball, Kickball, Tennis, Basketball Will Be Available as Well as Special Activities for Cherubs)

4:45 P.M. Choir Practice

5:30 P.M. Supper—New Campus

7:00 P.M. Awards Presentation—College Hall

8:00 P.M. Evening Program—WRAL Radio Personality Famous Bob Inskeep



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9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library;
AFC—Outside Chapel

10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break
SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship—Rodgers Chapel

General Information

Cost of meals provided by Mount Olive College Cafeteria will be \$2, breakfast; and \$2.75, lunch and supper.

Cost of lodging overnight will be \$8 per person per night.

The College will furnish linens, bath cloths, towels, and soap.

Guests must bring their own pillows, blankets, money for meals and snacks, Bible, notebook and pencil, and casual clothes for the weekend.

The Free Will Baptist Press and Mount Olive College bookstores will be open on Saturday. Rooms will be assigned in order as registration forms are received (first received, first served).

Money for lodging should be sent with a \$20 registration fee (per church) by May 1, 1985.

Money for meals will be collected at the time of the meal.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Please give address and phone number of person we may contact to answer questions about your group's registration:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Names of adults supervising young people staying overnight at the Convention (at least one adult male and one adult female):

Total number of youth and adults lodging overnight:

Friday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
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Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
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Registration fee (per church) \$20.00

Total amount enclosed _____

Total number of youth and adults eating meals provided by MOC cafeteria.

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Breakfast	*	_____	_____
Lunch	_____	_____	*
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THE ANNUAL ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION/WORKSHOP will be held Friday, March 14. The Convention will convene at Plymouth Church in Plymouth. Dianne Riley, of Mount Olive College, will be the workshop leader. The theme of the workshop will be "Back to Basics: Teaching Fundamentals."

The workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the business session of the Convention, followed by the presentation by Ms. Riley. All area churches are invited for this informative program. All Albemarle Conference churches are encouraged to support the Convention through attendance, finances, and most importantly, prayers.

THE SPRING MEETING OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY is planned for March 8, in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, Moyo Library, Mount Olive College. All members and interested persons are invited to attend. A special program is being planned, and new officers will be elected.

THE CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING will be held on Saturday, March 29, at Smyrna Church. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
- Devotion, the Rev. Alan Lamm
- Welcome, Host Church
- Response, Mrs. Bobby Tew
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Visitors
- Recognition of Visitors
- Reading of Minutes of Last Union
- Roll Call of Churches
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation

- Special Music
- Offering and Offertory Prayer
- Message, the Rev. Ken Hardison
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch and Christian Fellowship

THE FIRST UNION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE will meet with Calvary Church, Wilson, on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Clyde Cox is the scheduled speaker. The Rev. Keith Cobb is moderator and the Rev. James Joyner serves as secretary.

(Please note: The change in meeting date from the Saturday before fifth Sunday to the third Saturday in a fifth Sunday month begins with this meeting.)

THE THIRD UNION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE will meet with First Church, Warsaw, on March 29, at 9:30 a.m. All laymen and pastors are encouraged to attend this meeting.

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE will have its quarterly meeting on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at King's Cross Roads Church, located on county road 1245 at the intersection of 1247 (King's Cross Roads). A meal will be served at 7, with the meeting beginning at 8 p.m.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will meet with Trinity Church, located on Johnston Union Road, Clayton, on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. All laymen are urged to attend.

HUGO CHURCH, Route 2, Grifton, will hold revival services March 3-7, with ser-

vices beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Bass Mitchell of Goldsboro will be the evangelist.

ROBERT'S GROVE CHURCH, Route 1, Dunn, will hold a series of revival services March 3-7. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 and there will be special singing. The pastor, the Rev. Calvin Heath, will be preaching each night.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

ST. MARY'S GROVE CHURCH, Route 3, Benson, will hold revival services, March 10-14. The Rev. Roy Clifton, pastor of Sherron Acres Church, Durham, will be the guest evangelist.

The Friday evening services will be followed with refreshments in the fellowship building.

The Rev. Rod Jones, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone to attend these services.

REVIVAL SERVICES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT EDGEWOOD CHURCH, near Crisp, March 26-28, at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be the Rev. Robert Strickland.

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will meet with Marlboro Church, Farmville, on Saturday, March 15. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and each church is reminded of the registration fee (\$10). Spring competitions are scheduled for this meeting.

THE SPRING CONVENTION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY will be held on Thursday, March 20, at Spring Hope Church, in Craven County. (The church is about five miles south of Bridgeton on Rural Road 1620.) Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will meet

with Peace Church, Pinetops, on March 22. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The theme for the Convention is "The LORD Hath Done Great Things for Us" (Psalm 126:3).

(Peace Church is located approximately two miles west of Pinetops on Highway 42.)

NORTHEAST CHURCH, Route 5, Mount Olive, will be engaged in a three-night revival March 18-20.

The Rev. Bobby Tew will speak on Tuesday evening. His topic is "Revival in the Family, the First Establishment for Enduring Relationship With God and Man." The Rev. O. B. Everett Jr. will address the topic "Revival Among the Youth, the Hope of an Enduring Society of Tomorrow" on Wednesday evening. The Thursday evening speaker is the Rev. David Charles Hansley, who will use as his topic "Revival in the Sunday School, the Enduring Concrete Educational Arm of the Church." Services begin each evening at 7:30.

The Rev. A. B. Byran, pastor will climax the series on Sunday morning, March 23, during the 11 a.m. worship service, with the subject, "The Church at Work, Leading in Safety, Proper Relationship Among Men and Eternal Destiny."

GUM SWAMP CHURCH, two miles east of Belvoir, has scheduled revival services for March 24-28. The Rev. Robert May will be the guest evangelist. Services begin nightly at 7:30.

SMYRNA CHURCH, Blounts Creek, has scheduled revival services for March 3-7, with services beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Chuck Richardson will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. A. G. Smith, pastor, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

WINTERVILLE CHURCH, Winterville, will have its spring revival, March 24-28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Bruce Jones of Ayden will be the speaker.

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL will meet on Monday, April 7. The meeting will be held at First Church, Greenville, and will begin at 10 a.m. Anyone having business with the Council is asked to contact the Rev. Ray Williamson; phone 758-4356.

DR. BILLY GRAHAM sponsors several Schools of Evangelism every year. The schools planned for 1986 will be held in Washington, DC; Wheaton, IL. and Tallahassee, FL. The Home Missions Department has been given several scholarships to this year's schools. If you are interested in securing one of the scholarships, contact the Department by writing to it at Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; or by phoning 746-4963. The dates for the schools are as follows: Washington, April 28—May 2; Wheaton, June 16-19; Tallahassee, November 3-7.

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The Rev. Steve Starnes announces that he will be available for full-time service on March 16, 1986. He is a member in good standing in the Eastern Conference; he will relocate if needed. You may contact him at: Box 298, Oriental,

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or by calling him at 527-1648.

The Rev. Roger Heath announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. He may be contacted by writing to him at Route 2, Box 536, Dudley, NC 28333; or by phoning 658-4583.



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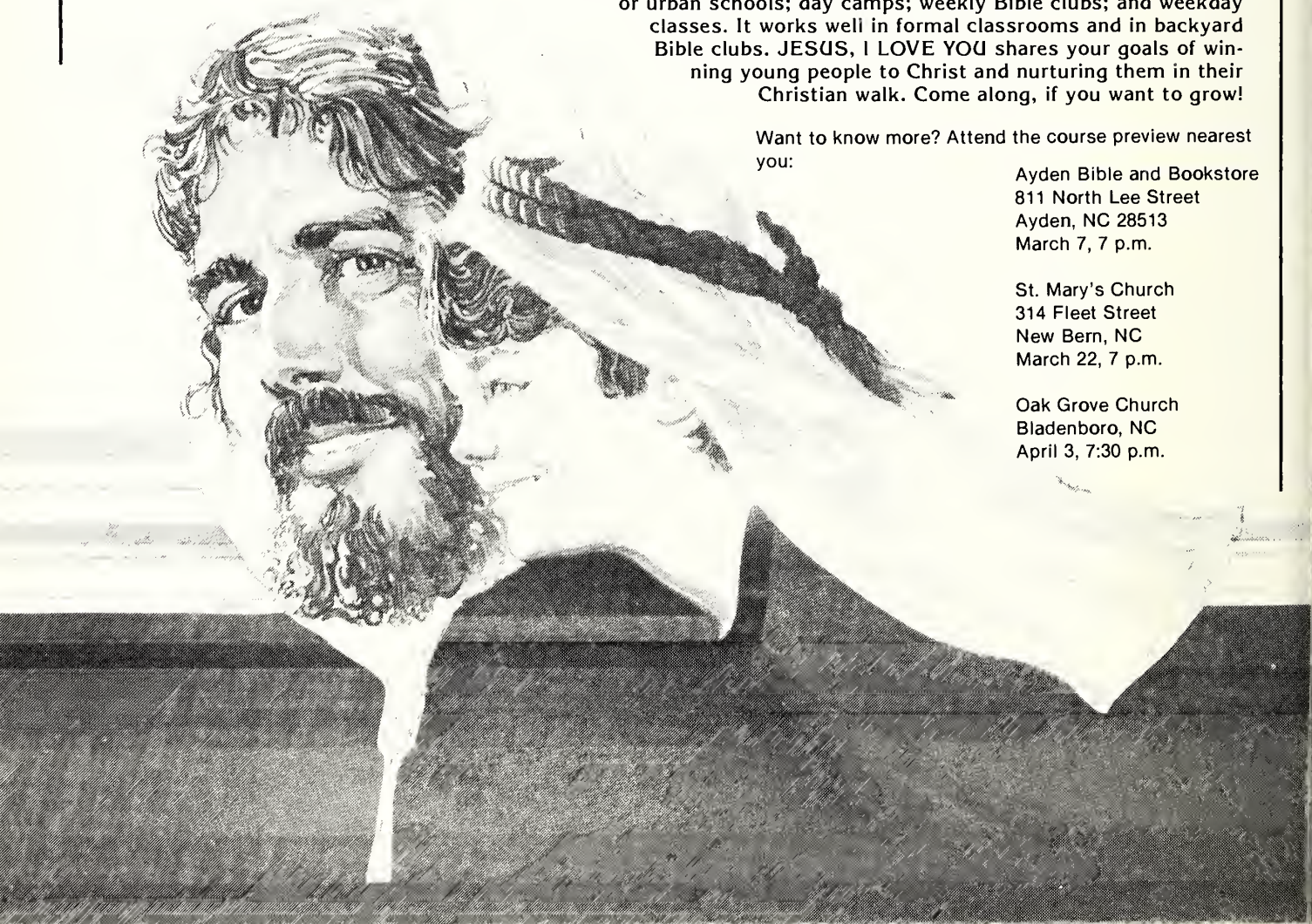
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TEAM SPIRIT?

The setting was a university classroom. Class had not begun yet and the students were discussing their plans for the approaching holidays. Two girls were involved in a conversation about their plans for the season. One of them bemoaned the fact that she would have to attend basketball practice throughout the entire vacation period. The other girl, rather matter of factly, suggested that she not go. Since she was already on the team, and since she was one of the best players on that team, it really would not matter if she missed practice.

"But I have to go," the athlete insisted. "I'm on the team." She shook her head at the thought of such an incredulous suggestion. For her the case was closed; there existed no alternative for her to consider. Since she was on the team, she had a responsibility to the rest of that team and she must attend practice, irregardless of the day or time of that practice.

This situation is quite analogous to the Christian life. A number of us are on the team; but we seem to have forgotten that the championship game is approaching. You see, there was a time when many of us chose to fight for the cause of Christ. We became members of the holy team competing against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world, against spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12).

And what about the game? Take a minute—look at your uniform. Is it torn and dirty? Are you out of shape? Have you lost your team spirit and enthusiasm? Some are very close to losing their right to wear a team uniform.

Why is it we would not dream of missing our favorite television program to attend Sunday evening worship and prayer meeting? Not the case, you say. Well, look at the attendance figures at your church on the night the Superbowl was played. Realize that nearly one-third of all American homes own a VCR then understand how few of them were used that night and you will see where our true commitment is.

Why do so many insist on leaving the Sunday morning service early or right at twelve o'clock? Why is it more important that we get to our favorite restaurant early than souls be won to the cause of Christ? Why are we more committed to Jane Fonda and our soap operas than we are to our daily quiet time?

Something else I have noticed: We consider it a higher priority to make it to work when we are on the verge of pneumonia than we do to go to

church when we have a headache. Oh yes, another thing: Some say, "Well, I have a lot to do at home on Saturday, so Sunday is the only time my family and I have together. Think about the minister whose wife works outside the parsonage. When are they supposed to have time off? Whenever one of them has a few hours off, the other is at work. But she doesn't need to work, you say. Well, even their joint income may make it necessary.

Now that spring is coming and summer is on the way, the sun and water will become our gods once more . . . and the team just has to get by the best it can.

I am confident that this assessment has ruffled more than one set of feathers. So in return, I ask that you consider the following:

If I were your . . .

Wife . . . and you missed supper, I'd want to know where you were!

Boss . . . and you missed work, I'd want to know where you were!

Coach . . . and you missed practice, I'd want to know where you were!

Golf partner . . . and you missed our tee-off, I'd want to know where you were!

Car pool friend . . . and you missed picking me up, I'd want to know where you were!

Teacher . . . and you missed class, I'd want to know where you were!

But if I am your pastor, and you missed church Sunday, and I want to know where you were, I would be considered nosy!

Somewhere along the line, our priorities have gotten mixed up and we have pushed Christ from the thrones of our lives. We are called to love the Lord with our whole body, mind, soul and strength—but this verse appears to have lost its meaning.

Well, let's start again. Remember, the whole team gets together on Sunday morning. Most of the faithful are back on Sunday night. Smaller groups gather at various times during the week. And don't forget that daily practices are necessary too! Don't be afraid to volunteer for work—you know where your talents lie.

And for your lack of enthusiasm, you'll start regaining it when you come back to practice on a regular basis. It is not all that hard to stop warming the sideline benches. It just requires a little time and effort.

The student basketball player dutifully relinquished part of her holiday to attend practice. If you were on her team, would you do the same? Your commitment to the Christian cause will help you determine your answer.

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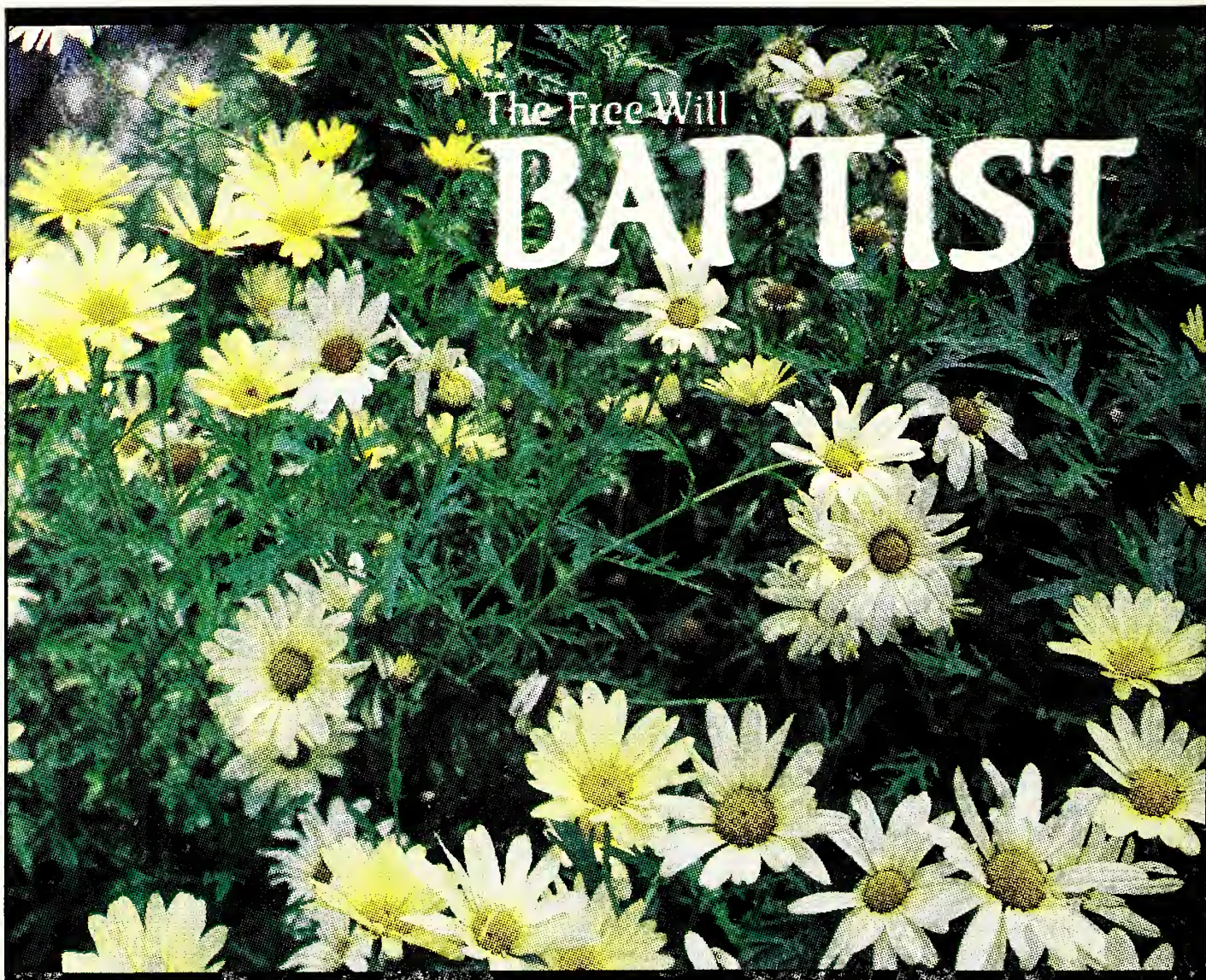
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TURNING FAILURE INTO SUCCESS

by Spiros Zodhiates

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" (Luke 5:4).

None of us goes through life without experiencing some failures and disappointments. We set certain goals that we believe are the best, but we can never be absolutely sure. Successes and failures may alternate, but we must never think that failure to achieve a specific goal means our whole life is a failure. In fact, failure may cause us to reappraise our goals and lead us to change course in ways that will result in something better.

Take my own case, for example. From childhood I liked the physical sciences. In college I studied physics and mathema-

tics, and for a while my grades were good. Then, in one subject, I just passed by the skin of my teeth. I was keenly disappointed; my pride was hurt. I began to wonder if God wanted me to pursue a different goal. Was I moving toward the place He wanted me to be, or just where I wanted to go? As a result of the reappraisal caused by my failure, I changed direction. I began to preach instead of spending my time solving mathematical problems.

I realize now that if I had not suffered disappointment as a result of barely passing a subject in college, I might never have changed my course. If I had succeeded with flying colors in that particular subject, you might never have been

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reading this message of encouragement in the Lord. As I look back, I thank God for that failure. It was divinely appointed, for He has given me instead a worldwide ministry of reaching souls for Christ.

Christ taught His disciples a similar lesson in turning failure into success. He performed two miracles at the Lake of Galilee that were almost identical. Some of His disciples were fishermen, and on both occasions they had fished all night but caught nothing. Christ told them to cast their nets on the right side of the ship. As a result they caught so many fish their nets could not hold them.

Two miracles: one took place at the beginning of the Christian life and ministry of the disciples, and the other near the end of our Lord's sojourn with them on earth.

Right from the beginning the Lord wanted to teach the disciples that though their lives and ministries might be full of disappointments and failures, they must never give up, because Christ would be with them when they were at the end of their own resources. His word to the disciples—and to us—is, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets" (Luke 5:4).

Again, at the end of His earthly ministry, Christ came to them with a similar command. It was a night of disappointment where fishing was concerned, but He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find" (John 21:6). Perhaps Christ wanted to remind the disciples of that first experience. Their life in His service began with disappointment, and it ended with disappointment. Nevertheless it was a life of victory and triumph because of the help of Christ. He wanted to impress on them that any success

they experience, from the beginning to the end, was owing to His intervention and their unhesitating obedience.

Christ may have repeated this miracle because He knew how easy it is for discouraged disciples to give up. Failure is a great teacher, but its lessons are not always readily learned.

Among the first lessons the disciples learned was that of confidence in the trustworthiness of Christ's word. Throw out your nets and catch fish, He told them; they threw the nets and caught fish. He repeated this scene before He ascended into Heaven, before promising them something that was even more difficult to believe. He told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the visitation of the Father, the coming of the Holy Spirit, after a few days (Acts 1:4-5). They obeyed Him, for by now they had learned their lesson. They waited in Jerusalem for two weeks, and their anxiety and eagerness must have grown day by day.

It is difficult to continue to believe God's promises when we do not see anything happening. Heaven above them did not move, and everything on earth seemed mobilized against them. Those two weeks must have been like the dark, unending night of that fishing expedition that failed so miserably.

But the Day of Pentecost came, and with it the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. What a revolutionary and revolutionizing experience! How many thousands of souls were caught in the net of Christ! The disciples believed and obeyed, and Christ blessed. If they had not obeyed, they would have been left with their disappointment.

Follow their example. You have absolutely nothing to gain

by disobeying Christ. Perhaps you feel you are a failure. Do not give up. Just put a period after that chapter of your life and try again. Continue to try right where you are. Ending your life will not solve your problem; moving away will not help. When Christ said to throw the net on the right side of the ship, the disciples had already tried every side and had failed. But they had tried alone. However, the effort that is made at the command of Christ can never fail.

Through these two miracles, Christ showed His deity. Just imagine the shame He would have experienced if the disciples had not caught anything after He commanded them to cast the net in again. If you had stood on that shore, would you have dared give such a positive, definite order, without any doubt as to the outcome? I doubt it. You would have been very hesitant, especially having been informed that the disciples had fished all night and caught nothing.

The same waters, the same net, the same men; but failure changed to success; for it was Christ who gave the command. Is it lack of faith in Christ that is causing failure in your life?

Christ was crucified in Jerusalem, yet He told His disciples to wait there for a blessing from Heaven. It was a hard thing to do, for the sea of public opinion was against them. It seemed so barren. But it proved to be fruitful. It is almost unbelievable what Christ can do in your sea, in your Jerusalem, to turn your disappointment and failure into a glorious triumph. All you have to do is to believe Him and obey Him.

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For Preachers . . . and Other Human Beings

by B. E. White



How Not to Solve the Church's Problem

Paradise Lost is the way both pastor and people can feel about their church when the Serpent of Division has entered it uninvited. Things can never be the same again. Lay leaders may be tempted to give up trying to do anything in the church, quit coming and giving, or even move their membership to another church. They can also decide to stand up for what they think is right, fight the opposition, or try to force the pastor to resign.

The pastor's natural temptation is to use the pulpit and church publications to get back at his enemies. When he is under emotional strain he may do this, but he knows that this is not what he should do. The agony of his emotional state is thus compounded because he is a person with a sensitive conscience or else he probably would not be a minister.

Conflict causes an emotional drain on a pastor. The minister under pressure is unable to do his best work. His emotional involvement in the church crisis hinders his preaching and can even get involved in it. The minister in stress feels anguish, disillusionment, anxiety, frustration, numbness, confusion, bewilderment, pain, anger, hurt, depression, fear, helplessness, disgust, betrayal, and loneliness. He is nervous and worried a lot of the time. How can he express his emotions? Who can he talk to? He has no pastor. He cannot share all his feelings even with his most trusted laypersons because he is still their pastor.

Ministers are reluctant to go to their fellow ministers because their good opinion is necessary if they are to be well thought of in the denomination and receive recommendations to other churches. The ministers in an area are also in

a sense competitors as well as peers. They may also know what laypersons in a troubled minister's church think of him. He cannot talk freely with another minister who does not share his concepts of the ministry and the same general theological outlook. His friends in the ministry may be so many miles away that it is impractical to talk with them.

Numerous surveys show that the only person the pastor can talk freely with is his wife, and she is his main support in a time of crisis. But she is also emotionally involved with him and the problems he is having.

The trapped minister is in a predicament. He may try to wait it out and hope that he can move. He may try to make the best of a bad situation. He may feel that he must try to stick it out because he believes that he can draw the church back together again or ultimately triumph over his enemies.

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It is possible that staying when he is under fire may be just what the church needs, especially if it has a history of disturbances. There may be a small group trying to dominate the church, and the pastor is an obstacle in their way. They think that if they can get rid of him all the church's problems will be solved. That is never true. Getting a new pastor is not going to change the situation in the church. Every time there is a controversy over the minister, it does not mean that he should move or that he ought to be asked to resign. The church may have troublemakers in it who will eventually oppose any pastor. They may be negative people who meet some twisted emotional need by criticizing. The pastor is a convenient target on whom they can vent their feelings.

When the pastor and people in a church are in conflict, all involved must take an honest look at what is going on and how to solve their church's problem. Ministers and laypersons alike need to remember who and what they are—Christians. Someone asked a Jew when he thought the Jews would become Christians. He replied, "When the Christians become Christians."

Uncertainty About Having a Job

A Baptist minister is always just one vote away from dismissal. All it takes to fire him is a majority vote of those present at any church conference.

In our system it is usually the kiss of death for a minister to apply for a job. He is immediately suspect. So when a pastor learns of a vacant church where he feels he might fit, he begins to look around for someone to recommend him to that church. With proper

humility he approaches his potential ally who may or may not elect to help him. He passes on information about himself to the friend who passes it on to the search committee. If he is contacted by the committee, he must naturally act surprised.

Often a minister cannot move when he wants or needs to move. So if he is going to stay in the ministry, he must stick it out where he is until something opens up for him. For him this can be like being in purgatory. It can cleanse him so that he emerges from his experience a better person who has learned to overcome his difficulties. Or there can be so much punishment in his predicament that he may feel he has got to get out of it at all costs.

The problem with a minister leaving the ministry is that there is not much demand for the skills of an ex-pastor. Fortunate indeed is a minister who like Paul can be a tentmaker or do something else if he has to. But many of our ministers have so committed themselves to the ministry that from their college years this is all they have done and all they can do.

In some cases the longer a minister has been in a particular church, the less job security he may feel. Some people may think that a change would benefit both him and the church, and they may be right. A minister can experience burnout. But he may not be able to do anything about moving on somewhere else, especially if he is getting older.

All of these things together can create a lot of job insecurity for the minister. But more than any of these things is the pressure that comes from the people in the church.

Some people act like the minister is a coach who must produce a winning team. If things are not going well, then he ought to be replaced. They don't take into account how long he has been where he is or how good a job he is doing. All they look for are results. It's bad enough to dismiss a coach because of such reasoning. Firing a minister under such circumstances is adopting the standards of the world.

I once talked with a woman who was a teenager in a small church that fired the minister by a vote of one. She had been among those who voted against him because she thought he ought to move on. He had to leave the ministry because he had nowhere else to go. She told me about the sad day he moved when she had to say goodbye to his children who were her friends. Only then did she realize what she had helped to do to that family. Now many years later she still felt guilty about her one vote which would have made such a difference.

The only thing a minister can depend on for job security is the goodwill and sense of fair play on the part of the people in his church. He has to trust in them to do what is right for his temporal security as he trusts in God for his "eternal" security.

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Being Kept Poor and Humble

President Woodrow Wilson's father was a Presbyterian minister. One day a man observed the shabbily dressed preacher riding in a shiny new buggy drawn by a well-groomed horse. "Mr. Wilson," he remarked, "your horse looks better cared for than you do!" To which the Rev. Mr. Wilson replied, "Yes, that's right, for you see, I take care of my horse, but my congregation takes care of me."

An old adage about ministers says that the Lord will keep them humble and the church will keep them poor. It is a well known fact that people enter the ministry for the love of God and not for the love of money.

When it comes to paying a preacher there are many complicating factors. Foremost among them is the parsonage. Many people think furnishing a house is like giving the pastor a chateau in the Alps. "All that

salary and a free house too," they say. But a parsonage gives a minister no choice about where to live, and he builds up no equity. Often he has a hassle to get anything done in the way of repairs or improvements.

Most ministers have few or no fringe benefits. The government also complicates matters by classifying the minister as a self-employed person which he certainly is not because he has a lot of people who try to tell him what to do. His employer can't pay his social security tax which the government requires of him like everybody else. In addition, the government also charges him social security tax on the parsonage.

Many ministers have to pay their own professional expenses out of their compensation arrangement with the church. These often include the cost of a car needed for visiting, books which are used to get up sermons, and going to religious meetings and conventions.

And then there is the myth of ministerial discount. Not many people give it any more, and it is demeaning for a minister to ask for it. One preacher said to a merchant as he made a purchase, "Just remember that I'm a poor preacher." The merchant replied, "Yes, I know. I heard you last Sunday."

It is also a tradition that a minister does not ask for a raise. So his humility often keeps him poor, lest people think him to be "greedy of filthy lucre." Paul indeed warned ministers against that, but Paul also said about ministers that "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

Churches and their ministers need to openly discuss financial arrangements. Instead of sending the preacher out of the room when these things are being set in the budget, why not ask him about his needs and expenses? Ask him what needs to be done to the parsonage. Ask him how fringe benefits and other arrangements would benefit him tax-wise. Ask him how much his car, books, and travel cost him.

Nobody can do his best work if he has to put a lot of his energy into worrying about how to make ends meet. Some of our ministers are well-paid, most are not. See to it that your minister is one of the fortunate.

It has been said that "when a church seeks a pastor, it often wants the strength of an eagle, the grace of a swan, the gentleness of a dove, the friendliness of a sparrow, the eyes of a hawk, the night hours of an owl, and when it catches that bird it expects him to live on the food of a canary." Don't let that be said of your church!

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THE MINISTER . . . WORTHY OF HIS HIRE

by Roy J. Smith

Salary and Housing

The member of a pastor search committee said, "I think we take rather good care of our pastor. We pay him \$20,000 salary, plus a free house to live in, plus a car allowance and fringe benefits."

We shall consider travel and benefits during subsequent discussions. For now let us look at what comprises an adequate salary and housing allowance. Let us use the search committee members' figures as an illustration. The compensation includes an annual salary of \$20,000 and a parsonage valued for social security purposes at \$4,000 per year. Out of the \$20,000 the average minister can expect to pay the following: Federal income tax of \$1,413.70 (assuming a joint return, family of 3, standard deductions); State income tax (\$802.00; Social Security \$2,952.00; Tithe \$2,400.00; Annuity \$1,200.00 (assumes a 5 percent of gross income).

This means that the minister will have deducted \$8,767.70 from his \$20,000 pay check leaving \$11,232.30 in spendable income. The \$11,232.30 must cover the cost of food and clothing for a family of three, medical and dental expenses; savings for emergencies and the children's education; professional expenses; nonreimbursed meetings in the association and convention; personal library; vacation; unreimbursed travel expenses; property taxes; and other required expenses. This assumes, of course, that the minister's family receives adequate life and health insurance; travel allowance; convention and conference expense and contributions to retirement; long term disability and wage continuation insurance.

It does not take a certified public accountant to determine what an impossible job this is. There is small wonder that most "full-time" ministers find

it necessary for the wife to seek employment. The inflated economy in which we find ourselves makes it increasingly difficult for ministers with fixed expenses to provide adequately for family needs.

As I see it, the first line of mission responsibility is to make adequate provisions for the pastor and other ministers a church calls to give spiritual leadership.

Fringe Benefits

"Fringe Benefits" is a misnomer if ever there was one. In our society a minister's family cannot risk being without health insurance; life insurance; wage continuation insurance; worker's compensation; and provisions for retirement, which are the items usually referred to as "fringe benefits." These have developed into "big ticket items" and are in no wise fringe considerations.

A sense of security, personal worth, and dignity depend on a minister's ability to provide for the basic necessities for himself and his family. Competency in ministry is enhanced by the adequate provision for the basic needs of the minister and his family.

It is tragic to see a minister retire and find that he does not have enough benefits to allow him and his spouse to live in simple dignity during these sunset years of life. There are altogether too many retired ministers in North Carolina who are receiving less than basic subsistence provisions during the time of their retirement. One minister's wife commented that she was not complaining but that they had been forced to learn to live on a very limited budget and that she and her husband had agreed they would eat meat once a week.

It is tragic to see a minister become disabled without adequate benefits to provide food, shelter, clothing, and medical expenses for him and his family. Ministers contact this office on a regular basis indicating the struggle they are having to provide for the basic necessities of life. One minister commented recently that he and his wife had been unable to pay their medical bills because there simply was not enough revenue from retirement benefits and social security to cover the cost of medicines and doctors' bills. He stated that it was impossible for him to purchase anything on credit because they had been unable to pay past bills.

It is tragic to see a minister's wife and children left destitute following the unexpected death of a minister.

It is tragic to see a member of a minister's family become

stricken with some dread disease which requires long-term hospitalization and treatment without adequate health insurance. It is not unusual for intensive care to cost more than \$1,000 per day; a surgical procedure to cost more than \$10,000; and an elongated bout with cancer to cost in excess of \$100,000.

As I see it, churches, associations, and other religious groups need to see to it that these basic protections are provided for those who give themselves in service and ministry. We expect nothing less than total dedication and commitment to the work of the Lord from those we select to serve us. These ministers of the gospel should be able to expect us to provide the "fringe benefits" which are not fringe at all but so important in today's world. In so doing we honor those who serve us and the Lord who has called them.

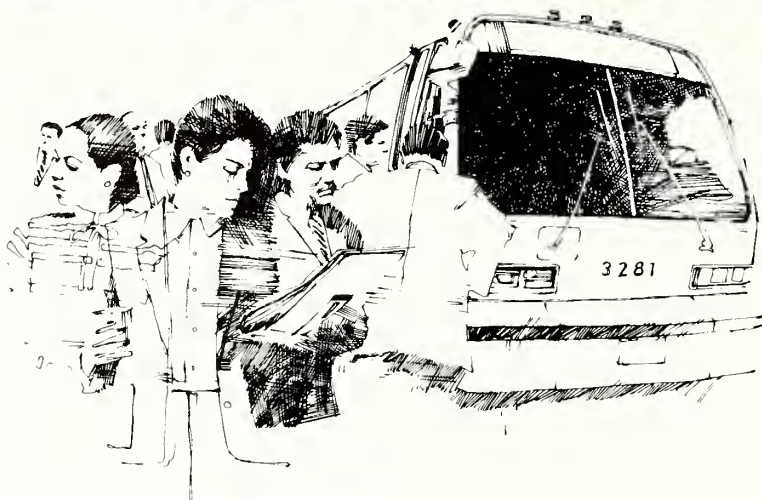
Travel Allowance and Professional Expenses

One of the major items in the budget of the minister's family is car expense. An automobile (often two) is a basic necessity for the minister's family. Visitation, counseling, sickness and death, funerals, and family needs for transportation require a reliable automobile. Most churches provide some compensation for travel expenses. Here again inflation has far outrun what most ministers receive for travel allowance.

The cost of automobiles has increased approximately threefold since the mid 70's. This means that an auto allowance of \$2,000 per year in 1975 would need to be \$6,000 per year today just to stay even in buying power. Many ministers must supplement out of their earnings what it costs to own and operate an automobile. Churches should be realistic in

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providing an adequate travel allowance and should never consider such allowances as salary.

Other professional expenses include fees and dues paid to professional organizations (ministers' conferences, religious education conferences, music conferences, etc.), personal library and/or music materials, conventions and conferences, continuing education studies, entertainment of guests invited by the church and other expenses which relate to the minister's unique role of service to the church and community. Wherever possible the church should provide for these expenses. The benefits to the church are quite obvious. Providing for the minister to attend conventions and conferences not only allows a minister to learn and participate in the life of the denomination, this also allows the church to be a part of the denominational process.

Continuing education opportunities are essential for every minister who seeks to stay mentally and spiritually alert and, of course, the church profits from such efforts by the minister.

Expenses incurred by the church such as inviting guests who stay in the minister's home should be borne by the church.

As I see it, providing spiritual leadership for the people of God is no casual matter. We believe God leads the church and the minister to sense a call and commitment to each other.

This commitment should include the minister's unconditional gift of himself to God and the people of God in ministry and service. The commitment should include the church's determination to provide for the financial, as well as the spiritual and emotional needs of the minister.

Such mutual care enhances the ability of both minister and church to fulfill the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

"THE CENTER OF GRAVITY" OF CHRISTIANITY HAS SHIFTED

"Ninety-five percent of the people in the world have at least some of the Bible translated into their native language," said Warren Webster, general director of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society, to those gathered at the National Association of Evangelists meeting in early March.

Although, according to Webster, "more tools and technology are available than

ever before," the task of world evangelism is far from complete.

"More than 300 million people do not have as much as John 3:16 in their own language," said Webster, "and even if the Bible was available, more than 1 billion non-literate adults worldwide could not read it."

Webster detailed some of the significant geographic, linguistic and cultural progress that Christianity has made in the last 200 years, especially in non-Western countries.

"Less than 1 percent of evangelical Christians were found outside of Europe and North America 200 years ago," Webster noted. "Today that figure is more than 50 percent. Clearly the 'center of gravity' of Christianity has shifted.

"We must press on to complete the task of world evangelism, using the translation and media tools God has given us," Webster urged.

Completing Webster's challenge, Randall Pope, pastor of the Perimeter Presbyterian Church, Norcross, Georgia, rhetorically asked representatives, "How can the task be completed?"

"We need both a God-given vision and a faith-oriented plan," Pope said, answering his own question.

He emphasized that evangelical leaders must claim God's promises and acknowledge His presence in order to cling to a God-given vision. Then the faith-oriented plan lays out procedures which may be different than man's, which are designed to give God the glory.

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"GO . . . LIBERATE!"

by Stephen Brown

THE quest for freedom is common to all people; everyone yearns to be free. Enslavements are both personal and corporate. Despite technological and scientific development, people are frustrated by a lack of personal

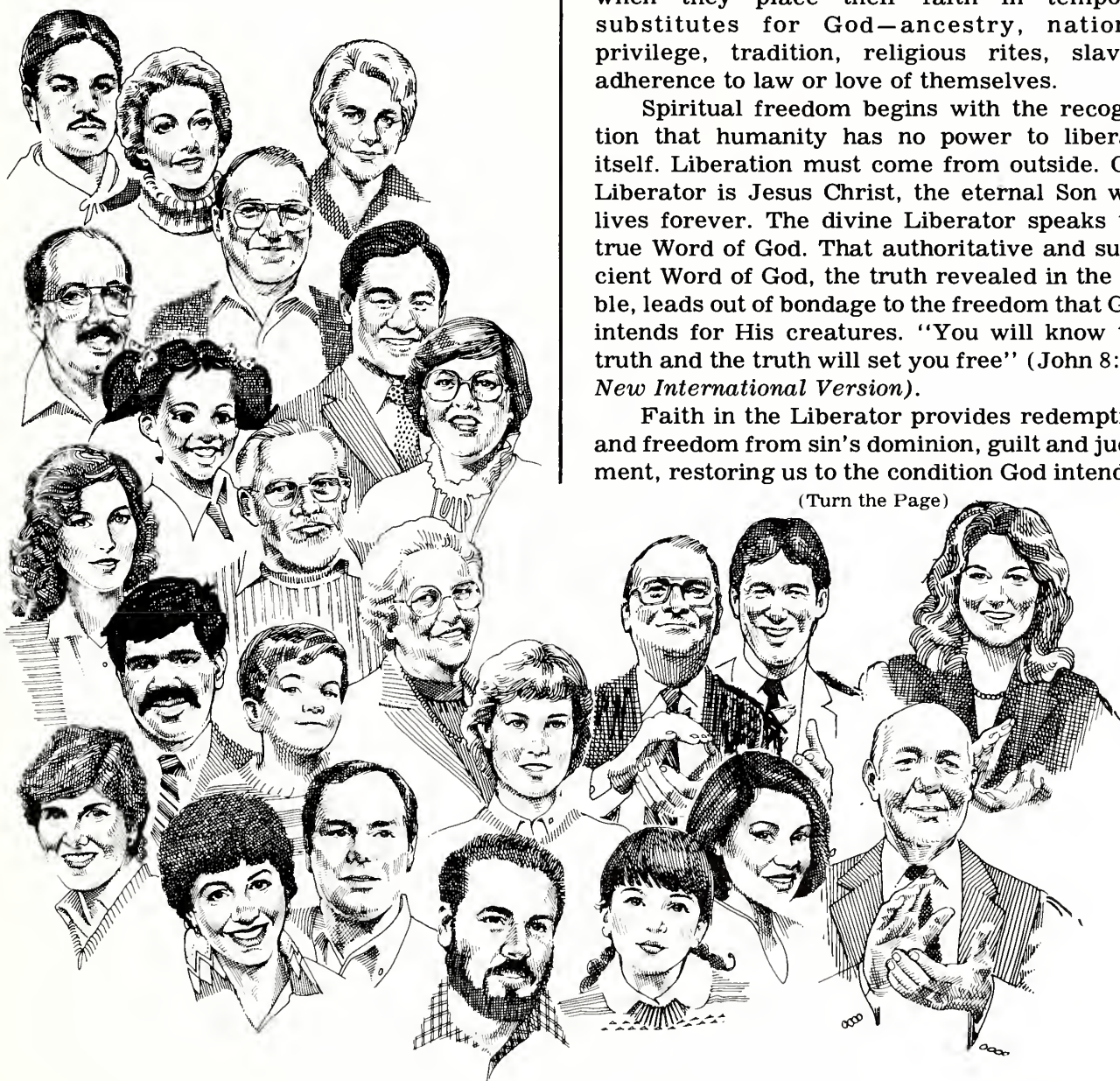
satisfaction, by economic insecurity, and by competing values in a pluralistic society. Racial tension, international terrorism and political oppression also limit freedom. Bondage to alcohol and drug abuse, the disintegration of families, and hedonistic lifestyles point significantly to the need for liberation. Social, economic and political conditions contribute to the enslavement of people. Some live where, because of governmental structure and economic order, they are deprived of basic human rights.

But the primary enslavement is personal—rooted in rebellion against God. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34, *New International Version*). Men and women are deprived of freedom when they place their faith in temporal substitutes for God—ancestry, national privilege, tradition, religious rites, slavish adherence to law or love of themselves.

Spiritual freedom begins with the recognition that humanity has no power to liberate itself. Liberation must come from outside. Our Liberator is Jesus Christ, the eternal Son who lives forever. The divine Liberator speaks the true Word of God. That authoritative and sufficient Word of God, the truth revealed in the Bible, leads out of bondage to the freedom that God intends for His creatures. "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32, *New International Version*).

Faith in the Liberator provides redemption and freedom from sin's dominion, guilt and judgment, restoring us to the condition God intended

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from the beginning. Liberation, accordingly, means freedom for love and righteousness. This is the essential meaning of Paul's declaration, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1, *New International Version*). Freedom is not self-indulgence; it is freedom to "serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13, *New International Version*).

The message of salvation also includes the announcement of God's Kingdom. God's saving intent cannot be detached from His lordship over creation and history. The ultimate opponents of God's purpose are the principalities and powers under Satan, the prince of darkness. Salvation includes vindication of God's justice. Though liberation is fundamentally spiritual and personal, it is also cultural. God's righteousness will be vindicated in the final coming of His Kingdom.

In the meantime, God's rule is not in abeyance. He curbs rebellion by partial judgment. Above all, He calls upon His church to speak out against slavery—spiritual, social, economic—whether that slavery is due to personal sins, the sins of others, or materialistic social structures. Our proclamation of the gospel though primarily personal and spiritual is also the proclamation of the rights of God in the social, political and cultural systems of our day. Liberation must never be cut off from its specific and proper roots in the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. It must never be merely politicized nor simply spiritualized.

Our duty until the Lord comes again is clear. By the grace of God and for the glory of His Kingdom, we must GO . . . LIBERATE;

- . . . Calling on all Christians to proclaim faithfully the powerful message of personal salvation to those who are enslaved by the shackles of sin. With renewed determination, evangelicals must evangelize those who are liable to the judgment of God.
- . . . Calling on all who proclaim this prophetic message to minister to the suffering, the oppressed, the poor and the hungry. The message of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ is not to be isolated from the cup of cold water given in Jesus' name.
- . . . Calling upon all governments guilty of religious, racial and economic oppression to turn from such evils and to reestablish civil freedom for all their citizens. We call upon our own government to press vigorously for human rights, particularly for religious liberty in all nations.
- . . . Calling on all Christians to manifest a special concern for brothers and sisters in Christ living where freedom to evangelize and educate is prohibited and to pray faithfully for them.

To this end we dedicate ourselves in humble gratitude for our freedom in Jesus Christ.



40,000 DIE OF HUNGER EVERY DAY

David M. Howard, general director of the World Evangelical Fellowship, grabbed the hearts of those attending a World Relief luncheon held in March by opening his speech with 15 seconds of "absolute silence."

"During the last 15 seconds," said Howard, "seven people died of hunger. Before I can finish my next sentence, 28 people will have died from hunger. Within the next hour, 1,680 people will have died from hunger. And, by this time tomorrow, 40,320 people will die from hunger."

Howard told of a visit to a refugee camp on the border of Kampuchea (Cambodia) and Thailand where two banners were stretched over the camp—one asking, "Isn't seven years of suffering enough?" and one pleading, "Someone, somewhere, please help."

"I began to realize the hopelessness today's Christians feel confronting hunger and poverty must be like the complete and overwhelming hopelessness felt by the disciples when they needed to feed the 5,000.

If Christians are moved by the kind of compassion Jesus showed to that huge crowd, they will provide spiritual and physical healing to "their throng."

"It would be so much easier to forget . . . but it doesn't stop the suffering. The only hope is to accept the facts. People are dying. Now, what are we going to do?" pressed Howard.

In conclusion, Howard pointed out that the disciples acted in simple obedience in spite of the overwhelming hopelessness. "May God grant that we give what we have in straightforward obedience."

PRIORITY FOR 1986

by Joseph R. Chambers

The foundation of a civil society must be rebuilt for every generation or else it will cease to be civil. The only place that can happen properly is in our homes and the only people who can succeed, again properly, are parents.

If the parents are remiss, then society will offer a substitute. What society offers will be inferior at its best and a total disaster at its worst. Our society has many examples of both.

Caleb, one of my grandsons, spent a portion of Christmas Eve with His grandmother and me. He was the joy of all as we went about our tasks of shopping, visiting, and preparing for our day of celebrating Christ's birth. We don't have favorites but he is an absolute delight.

As he pranced around, rode piggyback, entertained, and did mischievous things, family responsibilities came to me like a storm. Of all of the priorities for 1986, as I see it, the family structure is without question, number one. America must rebuild and protect the institution of the family.

Listen to these quotes that identify some of our worst enemies. They mean business. Evidence of their damage is everywhere.

... education and schools, as they exist today will change drastically during the 1970s and will be modified almost beyond recognition by the end of the century ... the basic role of the teacher will change noticeably ... ten years hence it should be more accurate to term him a 'learning clinician' ... intended to convey the idea that schools are becoming clinics ... to provide individualized psychosocial treatment for the student, thus increasing his value both to himself and society (Harold G. and June Grant Shane; "Forecast for the '70s—Today's Education," *N.E.A. Journal*, Vol. 58, Jan. 1969, p. 30).

Every child in America who enters school at the age of five is mentally ill, because he comes to school with allegiance toward our elected officials, toward our founding fathers, toward our institutions, toward the preservation of this form of government we have ... patriotism, nationalism, sovereignty ... All of that proves the children are sick because the truly well individual is one who has rejected all of those things and is what I would call the true international child of the future" (Dr. Pierce of Harvard University, addressing 2,000 teachers in Denver, Colorado, 1973, cited in *Education to Remold the Child, Parent and Child Advocate*, Rt. No. 4, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094, U.S.A., p. 30.)

Couple this kind of garbage with the rebellion taught by the radical rock groups, the worst of the valueless education curriculum, and T.V. programming that disregards morality and decency, and it spells trouble for our homes.

At the same time we have no right to complain unless we are providing the proper alternatives. Are we willing to invest the energy and dedication necessary to accomplish this all-important task? I hope so.

Let's identify some things that need to happen in both the liberal and conservative communities.

We must stop segregating the responsibility of the family and the society in which the family exists. You can't separate what happens in society at large from the home atmosphere. To suggest that all the censoring and protecting of children is up to parents is foolish and totally unrealistic. A civil society must always support the family and share the protection of its valuable resources.

We must quit pampering our children. Soft, effeminate homes produce soft, effeminate adults. One eleven-year-old child said, as reported by psychologist H. Stephen Glenn, "You only need to know three things about kids: Don't hit them too much, don't yell at them too much, and don't do too much for them." A Harvard study of 456 teen-age boys from inner-city Boston, many from impoverished or broken homes, gave this report: "When they were compared at middle age, one fact stood out: regardless of intelligence, family income, ethnic background, or amount of education, those who had worked as boys, even at simple, household chores, enjoyed happier and more productive lives than those who had not" (*Reader's Digest*, January, 1986). Quit treating your children as if you are their servants.

Don't be hypocritical parents. You teach by example not by a lot of rhetoric. Kids hate lecturing. They will endure, unharmed, all of your failures and weaknesses if they perceive you as absolutely genuine and sincere. In fact, they learn from your humanity the reality of human imperfections.

Self-esteem is seldom learned after adolescence. The home is the world's best possibility-teaching institution. Don't ever make cutting, derogatory remarks about or to your children. That's stupid, at best. Guard their feelings and treat them as you would treat adults. That's how they learn to be adults. Introduce them to your friends with pride. Correct their weaknesses or lapses of obedience firmly and authoritatively but with respect and forgiveness.

I offer these few suggestions only to stir your effort at self-discovery. Parenting is such a fragile science that to truly learn its depths is to be too old to need it. Yet its greatest strength is in simplicity. Too many high-sounding ideas have blinded our vision.

It doesn't take a computer to dig a foundation. A lot of common sense, the ability to listen to experience, a sensitivity to each individual family member and a heart beaming with love and you are on your way.

Let us dedicate ourselves to *priority number one* the rest of this year. The foundation of our society is our homes.



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**DRUGS AND DRINKING,
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Using his own invaluable experience as a drug user and now as a counselor who travels around the country speaking to kids on the subject of drugs and alcohol, Jay Strack has written a powerful book warning children and their parents about the dangers of drinking and drugs.

In *Drugs and Drinking, Revised*, Strack describes practical, easy-to-understand guidelines for concerned parents and teenagers. He strips away the myths surrounding drug abuse among the young and presents a hope-filled message to help any caring person develop an effective way to relate to young people and their problems.

In addition to a detailed glossary of drug terms, readers of *Drugs and Drinking, Revised* will learn to recognize drug abuse symptoms and know what to do; identify the drugs which are readily available and how each one affects the mind and body; and discover a solution to the destructive effects of drug and alcohol on America's youth.

Strack's message is aimed at *anyone* who cares about a person involved with alcohol and drugs. "Millions are starving," he says, "starving for happiness and a life that isn't artificial or fake; for a life without drunkenness, pill-

popping, shooting up, or pot smoking. This book is for those who desire to understand, to help, and to rescue."—(Trade Paperback, \$5.95.)



The Preacher is back for an encore!

**JUST A SIMPLE
COUNTRY PREACHER**

"Brothers and sisters, last night I had the strangest dream . . . a vision if you will, in which a number of famous spiritual leaders, both past and present, appeared to me . . . Moses, Joan of Arc, Dale Evans, and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale . . . and they all tried to persuade me to become the sixth player on their inter-faith co-ed volleyball team . . ."

Welcome back to Bypass, North Carolina, for more saintly words of wisdom from that incomparable spiritual leader, the Rev. Will B. Dunn. Following on the popular heels of his first collection of cartoons, *Preacher: The Wit and Wisdom of Reverend Will B. Dunn*, Doug Marlette has perpetrated another equally funny and outrageous book featuring the Rev.: *Just a Simple Country Preacher*.

According to his creator, Doug Marlette, the Rev. Dunn is a "poet, prophet, hell-fire-and-brimstone jester and resident guru . . . as well as a self-appointed expert on human relations."

"Kudzu," the comic strip which spawned the Rev. Will B. Dunn, appears in more than one hundred newspapers, including the *Washington Post*, the *New York Daily News*, and the *Chicago Tribune*.—(Trade Paperback, \$4.95.)



A SPRINGTIME DAY

Springtime, a time to shed our coats, play outdoors and enjoy nature. As we enter the spring season with all the warm weather, we look back at another "springtime" day in the middle of cold winter days—January 22. This was one of those days when keeping children inside would have been next to impossible—especially when they came home from school two hours early.

What do we do with seven children ages six to twelve on such a beautiful day? A game of kickball always helps use up their abundant energy. They really were into the game. Free play is a must. A chance to be themselves and do their own thing whether it is riding their bicycles, swinging on the swings or climbing on the barbecue pit.

Our warm sunny afternoon in January was relatively short. To use an old cliché, "Time flies when you're having fun." The children enjoyed the day and were ready for their evening meal. Then came bath time, a busy time with seven children.

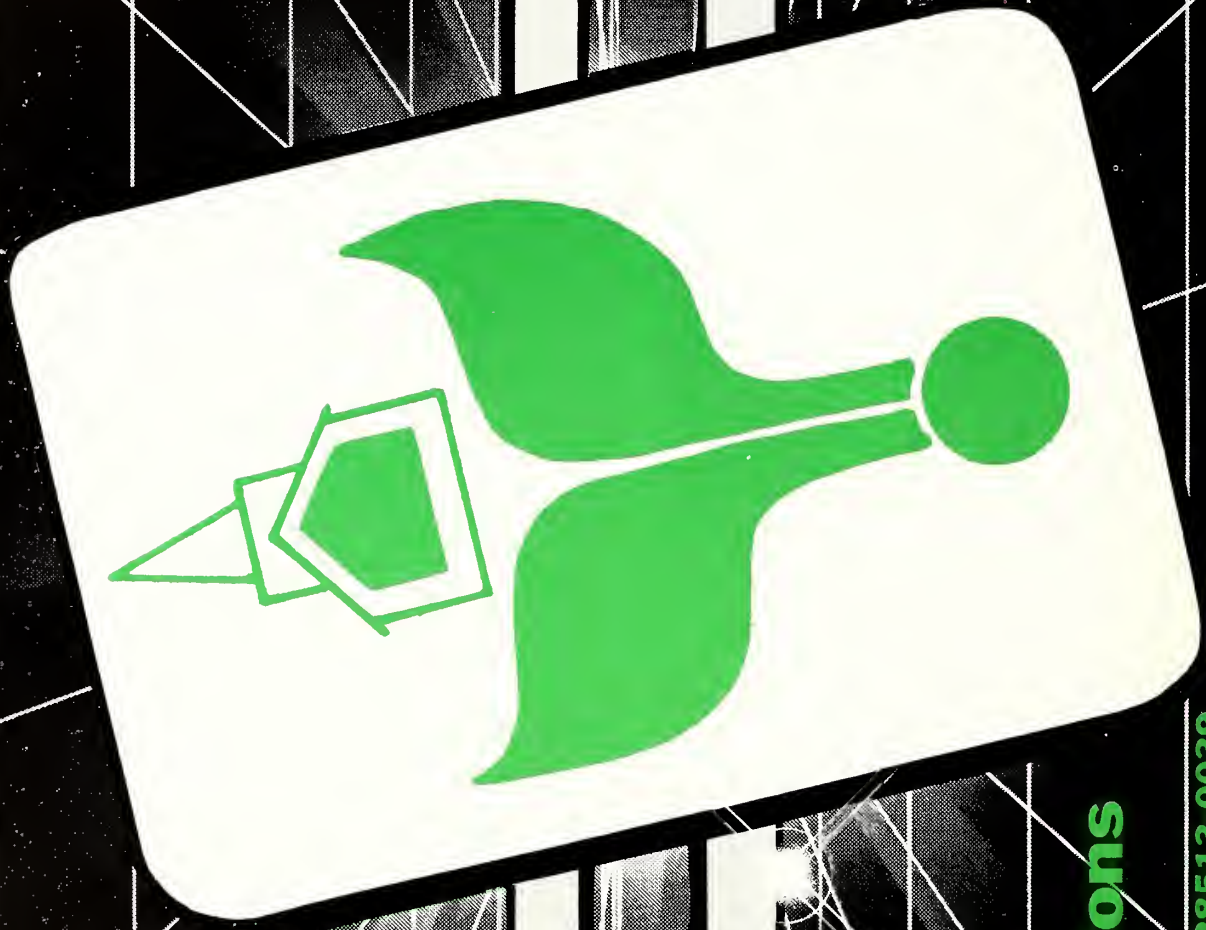
One more hour till bedtime and the children are still keyed up from their busy afternoon. This is the time when we come together as a "family group" for our daily devotions; it is a special time of sharing their thoughts and feelings and sharing God's Word with each other. We read Bible stories, have discussions, sing and pray.

Snack time is fun as you can see. The children like to make this time last as long as possible. They know what comes next and what child likes to go to bed?

Bedtime is special too; a few short minutes with each child by their bed for prayers and those precious hugs and kisses. This makes the whole day worth all the effort.

Just as God sent us a spring day in the middle of winter, He puts sunshine in our lives just when we need it most.

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April is Home Missions Month.



CHOOSING GOOD CHILD CARE

Good child care is defined as programs that offer healthy social and educational experience under trained caregivers in safe and stimulating surroundings. Quality child care promotes individuality and self-respect, encourages responsibility and getting along with others. It lays the foundation for learning and strengthens parents and families. Finding good child care takes time and effort and can cost parents money in missed work. When parents locate a program which they feel comfortable using and their child enjoys, it will be time, effort and money well spent. Parents should explore child-care options by visiting several centers and homes with their child. Each child and each family is different. A good child-care choice for one child and one family may not be the best choice for another. By answering the following questions, parents should be able to make a more informed decision about child care. The care a child receives will only be as good as the caregiver, who should be an acceptable model of a responsible parent.

- What training or experience does the staff have in child care and development, first-aid and nutrition?
- Are there enough adult caregivers so that the individual needs of a child will be met?
- Do the caregivers seem happy and enthusiastic?
- Do the caregivers work well together?
- How do the caregivers talk to and interact with the children?
- How are the children encouraged to participate in various activities?
- What specific forms of discipline do they use?
- Does each child have a crib, cot or mat, spaced for ventilation?
- Are linens kept clean for each child?
- Is the building clean, especially the bathrooms and food preparation areas?

- Is there good ventilation, lighting and heating?
- Is there a written plan for handling emergency situations? Is each staff member familiar with the plan?
- Is a first-aid kit available?
- Are meals and snacks served with milk or 100% fruit juice?
- Do meals and snacks provide age-appropriate daily nutritional needs?
- Is food appetizing and appealing to young children?
- Are menus posted for breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snacks?

It is very important for parents to have all the questions answered by the child center they choose to care for their child.

WARNING SIGNALS

A parent should be concerned if he/she sees any of the following things take place at a child-care center.

- The caregiver does not want a parent to visit the program or ask specific questions about what his child will do while in care.
- The children move about without any guidance from the caregiver for 10 minutes or more; caregivers have no apparent involvement with anything or anyone.
- The caregiver does not respond to children needing attention, but looks past them when talking to them and gives the general impression of not caring about or responding to the children's presence.
- The caregiver's voice sounds angry or cross.
- The caregiver seems overwhelmed with the work and responsibility of caring for children.
- The caregiver is physically rough and verbally abuses the children.
- The building is dirty and/or unsafe.
- A child in care appears unhappy and suddenly doesn't seem to be eating or sleeping well and doesn't have much enthusiasm for play.
- Does the center depend on a TV to entertain the children?



THE SMITHA BASIL DRIVER ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Mr. Smitha Basil Driver was a native of Nash County. He served and retired from the Navy after 30 years. After Mr. Driver's retirement, he moved to the Naval retirement home in Gulfport, Mississippi, where he lived until his death in March, 1985. He bequested his estate in trust to the Peoples Bank and Trust Co. for the Children's Home. This endowment will help to broaden our financial foundation and enable us to continue to care for children far into the future.

Shown above is Mr. Arnold Brown of Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Middlesex, NC, presenting the Endowment Trust Fund information from the estate of Mr. Driver to Mr. Bobby R. Taylor, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

WHY I CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FRIENDS OF CHILDREN PROGRAM

by Sylvia Rose

After learning about the Friends of Children program, I decided that participating in this program could be a small way I could help children who are in need of love, guidance and a home. I thought about all the ways God has blessed me

and I wanted to share this with others. Children have always been very special to me; and as I thought about all of the beautiful things in this world, to me there is nothing more beautiful than the smile of a little child.

All the accomplishments that the Children's Home has made to provide "a Christian Home for Boys and Girls" through the generosity of money and interest of the Friends of Children members, makes the word *love* not only an expression of intense affectionate concern for children, but in reality a way of life. Children have experienced the love of Free Will Baptists during their years at the Children's Home, where their every need is tenderly cared for. The Free Will Baptist Children's Home provides the finest in concerned care through loving houseparents, vocational instructors, spiritual training and teaching, while living in the finest residential and campus surroundings.

Each child is the recipient of love provided by each member in the Friends of Children program; and I am very proud to be able to participate in this worthwhile program.

PSYCHIATRIST CALLS FOR RETURN TO TRADITIONAL FAMILY/VALUES

"More and more people are demanding a return to traditional basic values, to a re-establishment of meaningful norms, to a rediscovery of faith," said Donald B. Rinsley, clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Rinsley said there is a trend away from the anti-establishment attitudes so prevalent during the 60s and into the 70s.

"The family remains the nuclear socializing factor for the oncoming generation," he added, outlining a number of characteristics that he considered necessary if young people are to ultimately assume the responsibilities of mature adulthood.

He contends that the family that produces healthy children cannot serve as an arena for those who "suffer from major disturbance of gender identity," such as homosexuals. He also emphasized the need for proper discipline of children for mature development.





THE CALL TO SERVE

by Paul Grubbs

GOD called me into His ministry in July, 1971, while I was working at Cragmont Assembly. I attended some of the nightly services of the youth camp weeks. During one particular invitational hymn, I heard a voice call my name. He said, "Paul! Paul!" I glanced over my left shoulder and then my right to see who was speaking to me, but everyone was singing. As I began to sing again I heard, "Paul, Paul!" Within myself I said, "Yes, what do you want?"

"I want you to go to the altar; I need to talk with you," He answered.

I went to the altar and knelt there before God. As I prayed I heard the voice of His messenger again, "I want you to preach the Word, to be one of my ministers. I will be with you."

"Lord, I'm not sure I can do that. You know that I'm a sinful person. Matter-of-fact, I am selfish. I care more about myself than I care about anyone else," I gave my excuse.

He responded, "I have paid for your sins. I paid the debt of your sins when I died on the Cross in the person of Jesus Christ. You are forgiven. You are mine. Preach the Word! I will always be with you."

"If that is really what you want, tell me what to say and show me the way," I answered.

After the worship service, I went back to the main building at Cragmont, found my mother and told her about God calling me into the ministry. A few days later, my father arrived at Cragmont and I told him of my experience. Since he was also my pastor, I expected him to announce it to my church, Tee's Chapel, or tell me what to do, or to do something; but he was quiet and did nothing. He wanted to make sure that I was not just reacting to the emotional atmosphere of Cragmont.

In September or early October of 1971, my father and I went to a missions rally. That night God called me to the altar again, where He confirmed my calling into the ministry by saying, "I want you to be a missionary, to preach the Word in another country."

I responded, "I'll preach the gospel where you want me to preach." But in my mind, I was thinking of the pastoral ministry. I pushed the idea of going to a foreign country to the back of my mind. I only shared with my father that God was calling me into the ministry.

Although I had pushed the foreign missions idea to the back of my mind, I was never able to forget it. A few years later, while Teresa and I were still dating, I mentioned to her the possibility of me going to the foreign mission field.

When I was first called into the ministry, I was not ready to go. I was only sixteen years old. To prepare me, God sent me to Mount Olive College and to Northeast Church, in Mount Olive, as a student minister, and to Kinston Church, also as a student minister. After that He sent me to Atlantic Chris-

tian College and Trinity Church, at Pantego, as pastor. Later, He led me to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and to pastor Friendship Church, at Emit.

God began to lay on my heart the burden for the "lost." I preached on the Great Commission and pointed out that being a witness for Jesus was every Christian's privilege. This made me feel guilty because outside of the pulpit I was not telling anyone about Jesus Christ. I did not know how to share the gospel with another individual. Thus, I invited the Rev. Harold Jones to come over and teach a course at Friendship Church on evangelism. I believed this would fulfill God's "calling on me." But just classroom lectures and discussions don't work. Therefore, I asked Harold to take me out and show me how to share the gospel in homes. He did and we saw people make professions of faith; however, I still did not feel as if I could do it.

He told me about Evangelism Explosion III International. I attended one of EE III's Teacher/Trainer Clinics in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in November, 1984, where I shared my faith with an individual who made a profession of faith. I came back home on "fire."

I shared my faith and began teaching the members of Friendship Church how to share their faith. I thought this would fulfill God's calling on me. To this, God said, "That's not good enough. I want you to go; be a missionary in a foreign country. I will be with you."

In July, 1985, in the privacy of my own home, I said, "Yes, Lord, show me where you want me to go." It is significant that God has led me to a place called

Emit because *emit* means "to send out" or "to give off as light." We Christians are called by God to carry the Light, Jesus Christ, to the world.

God has revealed through the Foreign Missions Board that He wants us to go to the Philippines. We (Teresa, Nathaniel, Matthew and I) are scheduled to leave North Carolina for the Philippines in late September or early October, 1986.

PRAYER PRODUCES MIRACLES

by Fred P. Baker

Dr. John C. Wengatz tells in his book, *Miracles in Black*, of an African convert who was left at a new mission station to carry on the Lord's work with a cannibal tribe. The African convert, Joao Mbaxi, started his ministry during dry season. Next came rainy season, but month after month went by with no rain. Then came the normal dry season again, but still no rain. There had been no harvest. Many faced starvation. In all the years they had worshiped their pagan gods, the rains had not failed to come. The chief told Joao, "You must leave the country and take the white man's God with you." The young Christian refused to go. The angry chief gave this warning, "If your God is as good as you say and so powerful that He rules the sky, why doesn't He send us the needed showers? If it doesn't rain by sunrise tomorrow, we will drink your blood and eat your flesh! Joao remembering the Prophet Elijah went to his hut to pray for divine help. As he prayed, the tribe prepared for their horrible feast at sunrise. Just before dawn, thunder was heard in the distance, lightning flashed across the sky, and God sent an abundant rain on the entire

region. As a result, Joao was able to stay and continue his ministry.

Elijah and Joao's God still lives today; therefore, we face the task of world evangelization with faith and not fear. Mrs. M. E. Thorkildson, using 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Acts 4:4, 13, made the following comment, "When Christians pray, as they prayed of yore, God will save sinners as He has before." Elijah and Joao were men of like passions as we are, but are we men of like prayer as they were?

RELIEF FUNDS: A GIVE-AWAY PROGRAM?

by Willem van der Plas

The extension efforts of last July, and we hope the ones in November, make it necessary to review our relief activities. Most of our mission relief income was spent in medical aid, contributions to funerals and loans to people who want to improve their livelihood.

In the pastors' meeting last month, all the pastors approved the proposal to divide the funds equally among the churches, missions and outreaches, which is a generous decision, because some of them could claim more because of the number of their church members.

Relief funds are not only used for the members of our own churches, these funds are used for people who need them. The highest priority for relief work is life-saving aid.

The Revs. Pio dela Rosa, Antonio J. Samones, Jaapal Ontong and I form a committee to study the present needs and the possible answers of those needs. During our meetings we have accepted the "3-R's": First, *rebirth* by preaching, witnessing, and the Spirit of God. After rebirth, follows *rehabilitation*, which shows the born-again person that he/she is fully accepted and worthy to receive personal duties,

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Willem doctoring a student who was bitten by a dog.

responsibilities and ministry. Finally, we consider *relief* as an action of love woven into rebirth and rehabilitation.

Jesus showed compassion to all men—He healed to glorify God; He felt the pain of those who suffered; He made compassion a commandment . . . and a measurement, as Matthew teaches us in his writings (25:31-46).

The life-saving opinion will not change. Instead of only helping to meet direct needs, we try to make a plan in which prevention will be at least as important as cure. I hope to be able to show you more in the near future. Relief is for the people who are mentioned by our Relief Director, Jesus Christ. Many people do live without expectation; many live under the pressure of spiritual and physical poverty, they need *rebirth, rehabilitation, and relief.*

We ask you kindly to use your time in prayer for the committee, so that we might receive the right insight and wisdom from the Holy Spirit in our planning for the relief work.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

by Fred P. Baker

Palawan Bible College observed its Sixth Annual Foundation Day rites on October 1-2. Students, faculty, staff, and friends gathered at the PBC campus for two action-packed days. Competition ranged from basketball, volleyball, singing, spelling, to a Bible Bowl Quiz. Speakers for the occasion were the Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines; Brother Jimmy Basarte, president of the Lighthouse Fishing Corporation; and Fred Baker, missionary. Prizes were awarded

in every division of competition.

October 18 was the official ending of the first semester of the 1985-1986 academic school year. The following week was semester break.

October 28 was registration for second semester. A total of 58 students began classes on October 30. Twenty-six different courses are offered during this second semester.



Fred and Linda observing activities on Foundation Day.

EMMANUEL THE SAVIOUR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Piedras Negras Coahuila, Mexico

by the Rev. Antonio Escobar
Mexican Field Director

I praise the Lord for the work this church has realized this past year. I praise the Lord for having blessed the ministry of this place during the year 1985.

The church had a ministry of prayer, visitation, and dedication to the work of the Lord. The Lord gave us thirteen souls, which were baptized and brought into the church. We are very happy in that which God has done for us during the last year. We believe that in 1986 the Lord will do even more as we work in faith and love for lost souls. We can see that God is going to do greater things for

us. As Paul the apostle has said: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

And so it is that this year, not just this church, but all the churches look forward to a greater advancement of the work of God.

I praise the Lord for this harvest of souls this past year. I ask that you continue to pray for us and for the work of God in our country, Mexico.



Baptismal
Service
in Mexico

ENDOWMENT APPRECIATION DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

by Dr. Charles Phillips
Professor of English

Outside it was a cool and cloudy Saturday, February 22, as friends and supporters of Mount Olive College gathered from around the state to take part in Endowment Appreciation Day. When they arrived, College Hall was warm, lighted, and ready to receive them. Inside, the aroma of good food from a buffet luncheon greeted the guests who were joined by College faculty, staff, and other visitors. Soon a pleasant murmur of conversation and exchanged greetings arose from around the dining tables decorated with greenery and lighted candles.

The program began with an invocation by the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow. Then, Mr. James B. Hunt, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the large gathering and thanked those who had established endowments. He said support of the College is important because "Mount Olive is a place where young people not only study to earn a living but also learn to live a Christian life." Following Mr. Hunt's welcome, the guests were entertained by the Mount Olive College Singers who performed patriotic selections.

Endowment Announcements

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, gave the main address. He announced that the College had reached the goal of \$500,000 needed to obtain an endowment matching grant from the U.S. Office of Education. In a surprise announcement he said that an anonymous donor had

made an additional \$100,000 endowment gift on the condition that it also be matched by July 15, 1986.

In proclaiming these successes, Dr. Raper said that the total endowment of Mount Olive College has grown more over the past two years than it has in the previous thirty-year history of the College. Quoting from Psalm 126, he said, "The LORD hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." But, he added, "While we can rejoice at this great achievement, the College still has many goals to meet."

Other Goals

The first of these goals is to receive accreditation from the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges as a four-year in-

stitution. Although the College has until 1989 to meet this goal, Dr. Raper said that there is no point in waiting until then. Indeed, he challenged those present to help the College reach this goal in 1986. Other goals include the construction of a student union and fine arts buildings and the continued acquisition of books for the library.

There is no other private four-year college between Mount Olive and the coast; therefore, Dr. Raper said, "Our purpose is to become the apex of Christian higher education in eastern North Carolina." He added, "The key to the future of the College is people like you who represent the root and spirit of the College and who ensure its stability and quality in times to come. You represent our most intimate circle of friends and are part of the College family. You have kindled a light that will burn after your years on earth."

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Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Caroon, of Lowland, center, hold the certificate they received during Endowment Appreciation Day at Mount Olive College. Pictured following the February 22 luncheon are from left, Albert Campen, Mrs. Lottie Caroon's father; James B. Hunt, chairman, College board of trustees; Mrs. Molly Campen, Mrs. Caroon's mother; daughter Angel Caroon, with grandson Nathaniel Grubbs; the Caroons; Mrs. Teresa Caroon Grubbs, with grandson Matthew; and Paul Grubbs. Four of Mr. and Mrs. Caroon's children have attended Mount Olive College.

Dr. Raper's address was followed by the presentation of certificates of appreciation to the fifty-four donors who had established endowments since December 8, 1984. At the completion of the presentations, a prayer of dedication and benediction was offered by the Rev. Clifton T. Rice of Kinston. The recipients of the certificates were congratulated by friends and relatives as they left the warmth and spiritual fellowship of College Hall. Returning to their homes across North Carolina, the guests carried with them the pride of being an important part of the Mount Olive College family.

NEW ENDOWMENTS

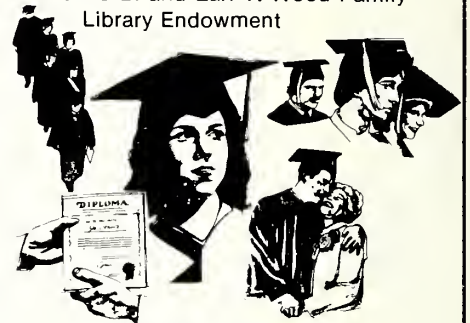
The following new endowments were announced Endowment Appreciation Day, February 22. These funds, established since the December 8, 1984, Endowment Appreciation Day, bring the total to 258 endowments, which individuals, families, church organizations and business firms have established at Mount Olive College.

The assets of these funds exceed \$2.5 million and represent a stable source of income for the future of the College.

Mary Forrest Aldridge Scholarship Endowment
 Mary T. Atkinson Endowment
 Elma Hines and John T. Beddard Family Endowment
 Mary C. and J. C. Boyd Scholarship Endowment
 Treat and Edith H. Brown Endowment
 Clarence S. and Zora W. Bunn Library Endowment
 Lottie C. and L. Reginald Caroon Family Endowment
 Robert Glenn Casey Sr., Scholarship Endowment
 Norma Mae L. and C. M. Coats Endowment
 Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church Scholarship Endowment
 Cowan Endowment

Marvin S. and Zelma R. Cowan Endowment
 William L. and Alma S. Dale Scholarship Endowment
 Vivian H. and George Dimick Endowment
 L. Marvin and Berta Edwards Endowment
 Peggy W. and R. Clayton Everett Family Endowment
 Melvin K. and Lois H. Everington Library Endowment
 Daniel W. Fagg Endowment For Academic Excellence
 Julia S. Fillingame Scholarship Endowment
 Sue H. and Ben F. Gay Endowment
 Goldsboro News-Argus Endowment
 Florence M. and Rufus H. Harrell Endowment
 Richard D. and Ruby Foyles Henderson Endowment
 Thomas A. and Katie McRae Henderson Scholarship Endowment
 Jane E. and J. Thomas Johnson Endowment
 John B. and Nina G. Kelly Endowment
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 Dorothy J. Wirt Art Endowment
 Olive B. and Earl V. Wood Family Library Endowment



THIS YEAR'S GRADUATION – ANOTHER FIRST!

All friends of Mount Olive College are cordially invited to attend the event of the year—graduation! The day—Saturday, May 10; the place—College Hall; the time—10:30 a.m.

What a day it will be, as the historic senior class receives the first four-year degrees ever awarded at Mount Olive College. Fifty students have applied to receive baccalaureate degrees. They are understandably proud of being first!

Along with the seniors, 76 students have applied for associate degrees, for a total of 126 who have applied for graduation.

Friends are also invited to the Commencement Worship Service which will be held on Sunday, May 4, at 8 p.m., in Rodgers Chapel.

The worship service and graduation exercises promise to be extra special this year—a time for all of the Mount Olive College “family” to gather and give thanks.

TALENTED WOMAN WORKS FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

by Patti O'Donoghue
Director of Public Information

Tanya Newson, a busy full-time student and part-time employee, still finds the energy to share her talents with Mount Olive College. So far this year the daughter of Willie and Mattie Newson of Deep Run has spent over 100 hours working with Dr. Barbara Sessoms, assistant vice president for planning and academic affairs. All this is on top of the 15-20 hours spent each week working part-time in the College development office.

"Tanya is disciplined, enthusiastic and willing to work," says Dr. Sessoms. "During the summer she entered over 5,000 records into the College data base. I have worked with Tanya for the past two years as her honors advisor. I am thoroughly impressed with her abilities."

Last fall, business leaders from Wayne, Duplin, Lenoir and Craven Counties received a Business and Industry Survey that Miss Newson helped produce and mail. The survey is the project she chose to do for the 1985-86 Honors Program.

"Right now we are in the process of analyzing the responses that were returned," she says. "The information we received from the survey is being sent to the Career Planning and Placement director, Mrs. Diane Reichard. She will use the data to help our students find jobs. In the planning office, we will use the information to help implement new academic programs for the four-year program."

Outstanding scholars like Miss Newson are given the opportunity to receive scholarships and work in areas of interest outside the classroom. Thirty hours of participation is



all that is required, but as she puts it, "I'm having such a good time—I want to keep working!"

The 1984 South Lenior High School salutatorian helped put together the College's highly successful Freshmen Orientation which was held prior to the opening of the fall semester.

"I served as a student assistant during Freshman Orientation," remembers Miss Newson. "We greeted new students, helped them move into the dorms and planned the activities. We had a lot of fun—fun with a purpose."

"For instance, one of the skits we did out at Eagles Nest introduced the new students to the different clubs and organizations at the College. We all had a good time, and I believe that the freshmen learned a lot."

A member of the "Sonshine Singers" at Piney Grove Church in Duplin County, the College sophomore almost didn't enroll at M.O.C.

"I had already been accepted at a nursing school. A friend invited me to visit Mount Olive—just to take a look," she explains. "I liked it here and decided to enroll for two years."

Miss Newson will receive her associate in science degree in May, but she is "hooked" on M.O.C. and plans to stay four years and earn a bachelor's degree. She sees a master's degree and a doctorate in accounting or business as part of her future. For right now she happily invests her time and talent in her favorite college.

"I feel good about doing something for the College. Someone has to do the 'busy work,' as I call it. I'm glad that someone is me!"

EVERETT BEGINS DUTIES

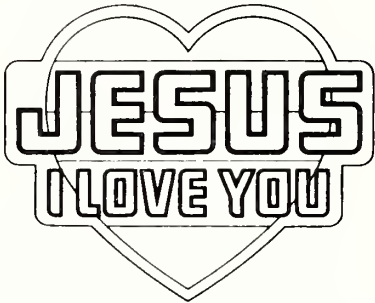
R. Clayton Everett began duties on March 3 as vice president for finance and treasurer at Mount Olive College. He succeeds James A. Coats who is now the full-time chairman of the four-year program for the business department.

Everett comes to Mount Olive after retiring as executive vice president of First Federal Savings and Loan of Charlotte. Since joining First Federal in 1972, Everett had watched the firm grow from 72 million to 330 million dollars.

He had also served in several positions in each of First Federal's three corporations—a mortgage banking firm, an insurance company and a land development firm.

A graduate of East Carolina University where he received his bachelor's degree, Everett also attended the North Carolina Savings and Loan League Academy at Appalachian State University. He did further study at U.S. League of Savings and Loans, Financial Management, San Diego, California; U.S. League of Savings and Loans, Executive Department, University of Connecticut; and U.S. League of Savings and Loans, Graduate School, Indiana University.

Experience His Love



JESUS, I LOVE YOU is all about kids and teachers and fun and Bible discovery and love. This all-new VBS series for 1986 will fill the minds of students with gratitude and praise as they study examples from the Book of John emphasizing Jesus' electrifying love. Indeed the invitation of JESUS, I LOVE YOU is that of John himself: "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

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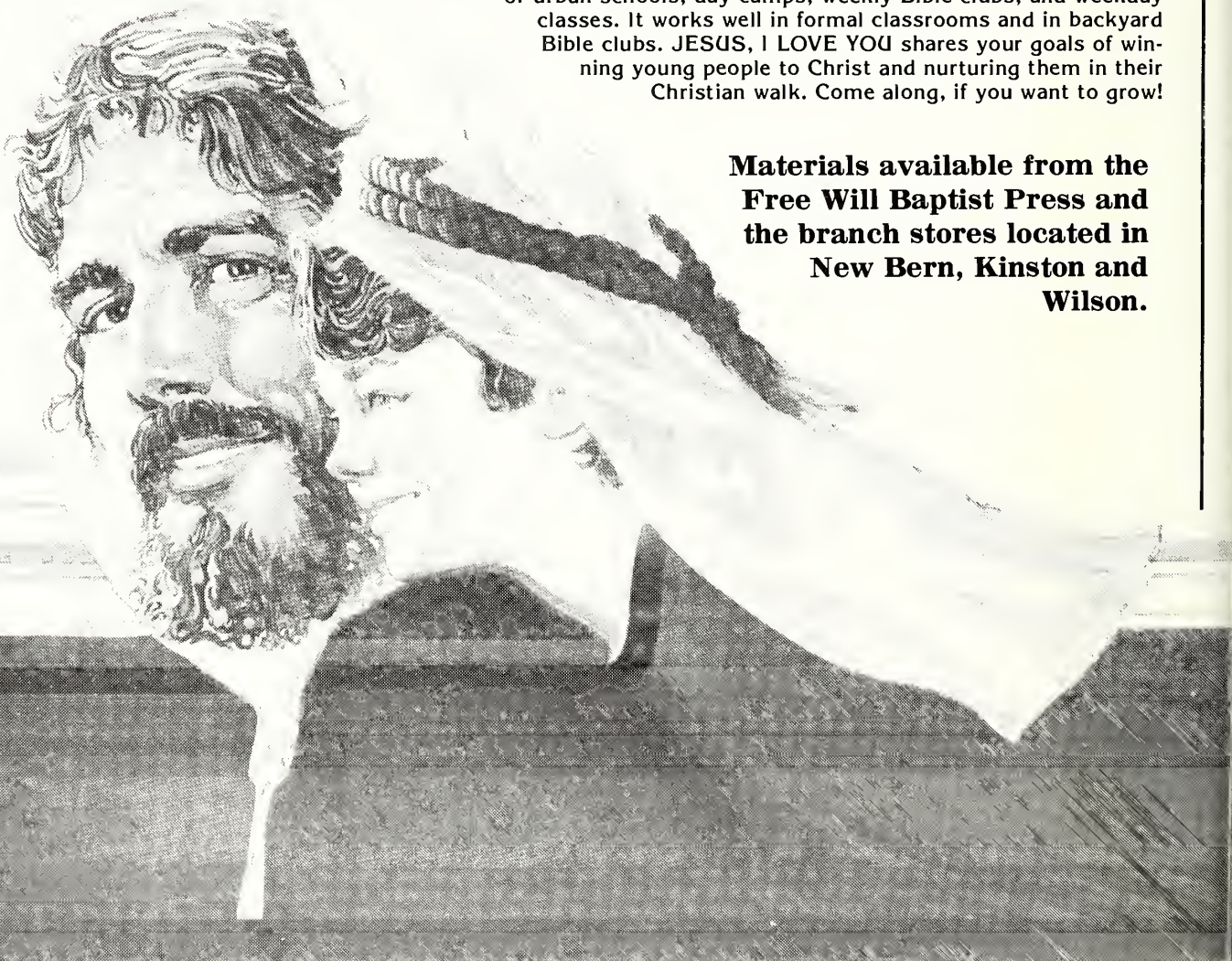
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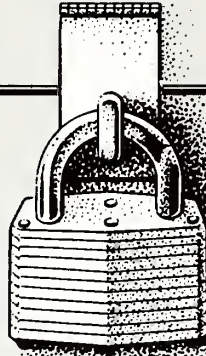
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KEEPERS OF THE FAITH



STATE YOUTH CONVENTION MAY 16-18, 1986

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 5:00 P.M. Registration—College Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Supper—New Campus
- 5:00—6:30 P.M. Registration of Arts and Crafts— College Hall, Classroom B
- 6:30 P.M. Practice for Talent Show—College Hall (Auditorium Open Only to Talent Show Participants, 6:30—7:45 p.m.)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice for Youth Convention Choir
- 7:00 P.M. Judging of Arts and Crafts (Judges Only)
- 8:00 P.M. Talent Competition
- 9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library; AFC— Outside Chapel; Bible Bowl Contestants and Coaches—College Hall
- 10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Meeting for Bible Bowl Judges—Place TBA
Breakfast Meeting for Candidates— Place TBA
- 8:30 A.M. Registration at College Hall for Those Not Yet Registered
- 9:00—10:00 A.M. Business Session for Campaign Speeches—College Hall (Polls Open 10 A.M.—1 P.M.)
- 10:00 A.M. Bible Bowl Competition*
- 10:30 A.M. Public Speaking* Lesson Presentation
- 11:00 A.M. Cragmont Slides
- 11:00—1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:00 P.M. District First Place Winner's Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Registration for Those Not Yet Registered— College Hall

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1:30 P.M. Afternoon Business Session—Installment of Officers Immediately Following—College Hall

1:30 P.M. Adult Seminar—Chapel

3:00—3:30 P.M. Refreshment Break

3:30 P.M. Recreation Time (Softball, Kickball, Tennis, Basketball Will Be Available as Well as Special Activities for Cherubs)

4:45 P.M. Choir Practice

5:30 P.M. Supper—New Campus

7:00 P.M. Awards Presentation—College Hall

8:00 P.M. Evening Program—WRAL Radio Personality Famous Bob Inskeep

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9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library; AFC—Outside Chapel

10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break
SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship—Rodgers Chapel

General Information

Cost of meals provided by Mount Olive College Cafeteria will be \$2, breakfast; and \$2.75, lunch and supper.

Cost of lodging overnight will be \$8 per person per night.

The College will furnish linens, bath cloths, towels, and soap.

Guests must bring their own pillows, blankets, money for meals and snacks, Bible, notebook and pencil, and casual clothes for the weekend.

The Free Will Baptist Press and Mount Olive College bookstores will be open on Saturday. Rooms will be assigned in order as registration forms are received (first received, first served).

Money for lodging should be sent with a \$20 registration fee (per church) by May 1, 1985.

Money for meals will be collected at the time of the meal.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Please give address and phone number of person we may contact to answer questions about your group's registration:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Names of adults supervising young people staying overnight at the Convention (at least one adult male and one adult female):

Total number of youth and adults lodging overnight:

Friday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Males (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____
Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Females (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____

Saturday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Males (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____
Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Females (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____

Registration fee (per church) \$20.00

Total amount enclosed _____

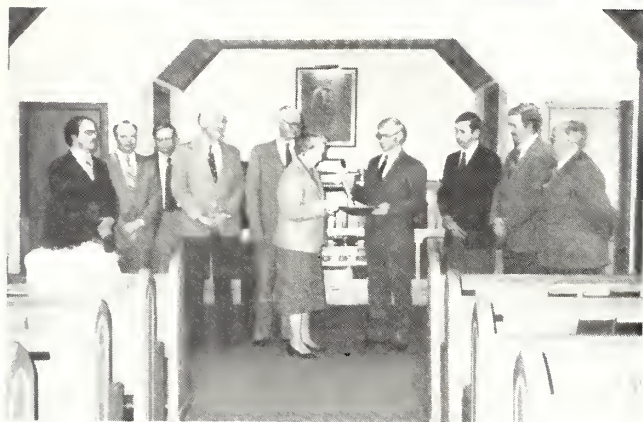
Total number of youth and adults eating meals provided by MOC cafeteria.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	*	_____	_____
Lunch	_____	_____	*
Supper	_____	_____	*

*No meals served at this time

Registration forms, along with lodging money and registration fee, should be sent to:

Joan Little
Route 2, Box 347-C
Farmville, NC 27828
Phone: (919) 753-3217



PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Route 2, Pikeville, experienced a momentous occasion on January 5. It was on that day that the church parsonage was dedicated and a copy of the mortgage burned.

The parsonage was built in 1977; the Rev. Luther Swinson was the first pastor to reside therein.

Shown in the picture are the treasurer of the church, Mrs. Marjorie Snipes; along with the present deacon board and those who were serving in 1977. The Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor, is also shown.

The church members are happy to have the debt retired and give the glory to God.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will meet at Stoney Creek Church, near Goldsboro, on Thursday, April 2. The theme of the Convention is "Keys to the Kingdom." The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing"
- Devotion, Host Church
- Welcome, Lillie Mae Sasser
- President's Remarks, Donna Holland
- 10:15—Hymn, "Love Divine"
- Keys to the Kingdom Through Benevolence, Esther Barnes
- Keys to the Kingdom Through Missions, Mattie Braswell
- Keys to the Kingdom Through Youth, Nancy Boykin
- 11:00—Hymn, "Faith Is the Victory"
- Offering and Prayer
- Special Music
- Convention Message, Jean Ackiss
- 12:00—Lunch

- 1:00—Hymn, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
- Devotion and Memorial Service, Virginia Joyner
- Business Session
- Hymn, "Near the Cross"
- Benediction

THE CAPE FEAR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will meet with Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, on April 9. The theme for the Convention is "Showers of Blessings" and Ephesians 1:3 is the theme Scripture. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Opening Hymn, "Showers of Blessings"
- Devotions, Claudette Lane
- Welcome, Host Church
- Response, Luda Hinant
- Greetings, Grace Barbour
- Business Session
- Denominational Enterprises: Showers of Blessings Through Missions

Showers of Blessings Through the Children's Home
Showers of Blessings Through Retirement Homes
Showers of Blessings Through Mount Olive College
Showers of Blessings Through Cragmont
Showers of Blessings Through Superannuation
Showers of Blessings Through the Free Will Baptist Press

- 11:15—Morning Worship
- Hymn, "Count Your Blessings"
- Offering
- Special Music, Betty Strickland
- Convention Message, Ruth Warrick
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
- Memorial Service, Louise Crumpler
- 1:20—Miscellaneous Business
- Hymn, "Blessed Assurance"
- 2:00—Adjournment

THE ALBEMARLE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will be held at Trinity Church, Pantego, on Thursday, April 17. "Stand Fast, Lest Ye Fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12) will serve as the Convention's theme. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Standing on the Promises"
- Devotions, Mrs. Victoria Cooper
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Louise Stokesberry
- Response, Mrs. Ernie Waters
- President's Greetings, Miss Becky Jo Sumner
- Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Missions News, Home and Foreign

- 11:00—Hymn, "Higher Ground"
- Children's Home Report
- Retirement Homes Report
- Offering for the Children's Home
- 11:25—Special Music, Host Auxiliary
- 11:30—Message, Mrs. Dola Dudley
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
- Devotion, Mrs. Sue Benson
- 1:15—Mount Olive College News
- 1:30—Free Will Baptist Press News
- 1:40—Superannuation News
- 1:50—Youth Report, Libby Taylor
- Committee Reports
- Announcement of Next Convention
- Miscellaneous Business
- Reflections
- Benediction and Adjournment

KING'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Route 1, Fountain, has scheduled a series of revival services for April 13-18. The Rev. Ray Wells, pastor of Marsh Swamp Church, Sims, will be the guest evangelist.

The Rev. Bruce Jones, pastor, cordially invites everyone to attend.

FIRST CHURCH, WILSON, will be the site of a special service honoring the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, on Sunday evening, April 13. The service is to begin at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Sasser will be honored for a lifetime of service to the cause of Jesus Christ and the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Dr. Burkette Raper and the Rev. James Evans will be the keynote speakers, along with other testimonies concerning the work and service of Mr. Sasser.

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Everyone is invited to this special service of tribute to this outstanding Free Will Baptist pioneer. (**Please note:** The attempt is to make this a surprise to Mr. Sasser.)

THE YOUTH LEADERS AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE gathered on March 6 and formed the Western Conference Youth Council (WCYC). The purpose of the Council is to promote fellowship, learning, growth and activities for the junior high and senior high youth and youth workers of the Western Conference. The officers of the Council are: President—Dennis Smith, First Church, Wilson; Vice President—Glenda Hood, Pleasant Grove Church; Secretary/Treasurer—Ellen Corbett, Pleasant Grove Church; Western Conference Youth Chairman—Nancy Boykin, Marsh Swamp Church.

The Council will meet again on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Pleasant Grove Church in Pikeville. All Western Conference youth workers and two young people of each church are encouraged to attend.

CORE CREEK CHURCH, Cove City, will celebrate its annual homecoming on Sunday, May 4. The Rev. N. B. (Tex) Barrow Jr. will be the guest speaker. Lunch is to be served afterwards picnic style.

The Rev. Philip Wood, pastor, and the congregation invite former members

and friends to come and share this time with them.

THE STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will sponsor the annual Gospel Music Festival on May 3, 1986, at Eagle's Nest, Mount Olive. The Festival will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; lunch will be catered. The Down East Boys and the Watchmen Quartet are just two of the groups which will be featured.

No admission will be charged to the Festival. In the event of rain, the Festival will be moved to College Hall.

THE STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will meet on May 16, at Bethany Church, located five miles south of Winterville. The Convention will begin at 7:30 p.m. All laymen are encouraged to attend.

THE REV. FRANK HARRISON will lead a Deeper Life Conference at Angola Church, beginning on Sunday night, April 13, 6 p.m. and concluding on Tuesday night. The services on Monday and Tuesday night will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the conference will be to help lay people develop a deeper and more meaningful spiritual life on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Harrison will lead a Bible study on four topics:

1. "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit—His Ministry in the Life of the Believer"
2. "Prayer—What the Bible Teaches Us About Prayer"

3. "Scripture—How the Bible Contributes to Our Spiritual Life"
4. "The Believer—His Position and Privileges in Christ"

Area churches are invited to participate in the conference.

Mr. Harrison is chaplain and director of Denominational Services at Mount Olive College.

MR. CLIFF GRAY has been appointed Chairman for the annual "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-Thon in Ayden. The event is scheduled for May 17, 1986, with a rain date of May 24, 1986. This ride will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a research-treatment-education center where physicians and scientists working side by side have actually succeeded in rewriting medical textbooks through painstaking research and treatment advances.

This institution, now the largest childhood cancer research center in America, owes its establishment to a promise made years ago by entertainer, Danny Thomas. His dream became reality when the doors of this non-sectarian research hospital opened in 1962 dedicated solely to the conquest of hopeless diseases of children.

St. Jude Hospital is largely supported by voluntary contributions which are tax deductible. Events such as

the "Wheels for Life" bike ride raise the funds to continue the research and treatment programs which are freely shared with all physicians and research scientists.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Rev. Harry Jones has assumed the pastorate of Pleasant Grove Church (Cape Fear), near Erwin. His new address is Route 3, Box 934, Dunn, NC 28334; phone, 897-7355.

The Rev. McDonal Bennett has assumed the pastorate of Juniper Chapel Church, Vanceboro. His new address is Route 2, Box 507, Vanceboro, NC 28586; phone, 244-1511.

MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. William Littleton is now available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. He can be contacted by writing to him at Box 81, Lowland, NC 28552; or by calling 745-5298.

CHURCHES AVAILABLE

Highland Pines Church, Piedmont Conference, is seeking a pastor. Located in Hamlet, North Carolina, the church has a parsonage. Anyone interested should contact Tom Vaughn at Route 4, Box 450, Rockingham, NC 28379; or call him at 582-1131; or phone J. P. Huffman at 582-0165.

Saints Delight Church, near Ormondsville, is seeking a full-time pastor, effective the last Sunday in May. Anyone interested should contact Bruce Wade in Grifton, 524-4669; or Jerry McLawhorn in Ayden, 746-2472.

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DEVEILED EGGS?

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at the present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. You must be hatched or go bad (C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p. 169).

And hatch we must! It is time that you and I get out of our shells and get into the gap. What gap? I'm glad you asked.

There is a gap between God and man. It is a gap between God and all He is and man and all he is—in every respect. It is a gap between two parties that cannot or will not accept each other. It is also a gap between God's original intention for mankind and Jesus', the Messiah's, final restoration wherein a new people will fill and subdue the earth with Him. So personal is this gap to God that He gave His own Son to bridge it; it is personal for Christians, too, for it lies between what God is doing in our lives as people united to the Mediator and what God still wants to do among nations.

"The single greatest gap among the nations is between God's promise to fulfill world evangelization through Christ's disciples and the faith of those disciples to claim that promise and act on it" (David Bryant). This gap of unbelief puts definite limits on what Christ can do through us. It makes us hesitant to take bold risks so that redemption might come to all people. Our attention is then turned from reviewing the many possibilities by which we might fulfill our task and causes us to center our attention on our own self-preservation. When our energies are focused inward, we are blinded to the dreams, resources, and strategies God would give us for bridging the gap.

This is not some new struggle, however, for down through history the church has constantly had to battle just to get Christians to push forward, to stop resting, to wake up, to stand together, and to take hold of the victorious cause Christ has given us for the world. Part of the

reason for our problem is due to the fact that we are often held victims to the culprit of pea-sized Christianity.

This type of Christianity can fall into several categories. There is a *convert Christianity*, where one's Christian life is no bigger than merely making it safely inside the kingdom. *Character Christianity* involves the pulling of one's own spiritual act together, while those who are concerned only with meeting their own personal needs are said to be *consumption Christians*. *Cloister Christianity* exists when one's faith is no bigger than the warm, secure fellowship he has each week with his buddies. *Church Christianity* is the one most of us are groping in. It is no bigger than the annual Sunday School picnic, choir Christmas pageant, monthly finance committee meetings, or scouting out who's absent from midweek prayer service. A last form of Christianity is *culture Christianity* and it causes its victims to be concerned only with those of like color, faith, and socioeconomic level. Its members relish in their tried and true traditions and erroneously equate the same with the eternal ways to the Kingdom itself.

When our Christian experience expands no further than our own salvation, group, church, or future, it can be called pea-sized. When we compartmentalize our walk with Christ into neat packages of prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship, and so on, it is pea-sized. When our activities and interests do not link us vitally to the reaching of earth's unsaved people, we've succumbed to pea-sized Christianity.

Fortunately, Christ did not save us to store in boxes of pea-sized Christianity. He hasn't called us to sit in our shells and to become ordinary, decent eggs. Instead, He has laid hold of us to stand with Him in the gap. So why do we settle for less?

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none (Ezekiel 22:30).



AN INVITATION

Please consider this your invitation to Ayden Bible and Bookstore's upcoming Mini-Music Festival. This extraordinary music event will be held on May 5, 1986, in the Multipurpose Room, located in the Bookstore facility. This music festival will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will run about two hours. Let us help you with your endless search for new music material. Come and be a part of this innovative and enriching experience.

ESPECIALLY FOR

Adult choir directors, youth choir directors, children's choir directors, accompanists, soloists, and YOU! Please, no more than three participants per church.

COST TO YOU

This music festival costs \$12 per person (after April 28, \$15 per person). This registration fee is non-refundable. (Registration is limited, so do not wait to the last minute.)

REGISTRATION

- Maximum of three people from one church
- \$12 per person (after April 28, \$15 per person).
- All registrants will receive a Summer/Fall Festival Packet.
- Send your registration to:
Ayden Bible and Bookstore
Box 159
Ayden, NC 28513-0159
- Registrations should be postmarked no later than April 28, 1986.

HIGHLIGHTS

Each registrant will receive a free music packet of recent publications worth over \$45.

Ayden Bible and Bookstore will provide discounts on selected materials during the festival.

At least fifteen **NEW** titles from Singspiration will be discussed and "demonstrated" by our clinician, Larry White.

Ayden Bible and Bookstore will provide refreshments after the two-hour session, at which time you will have an opportunity to talk with Mr. White as well as acquaint yourself with other choir and music directors.

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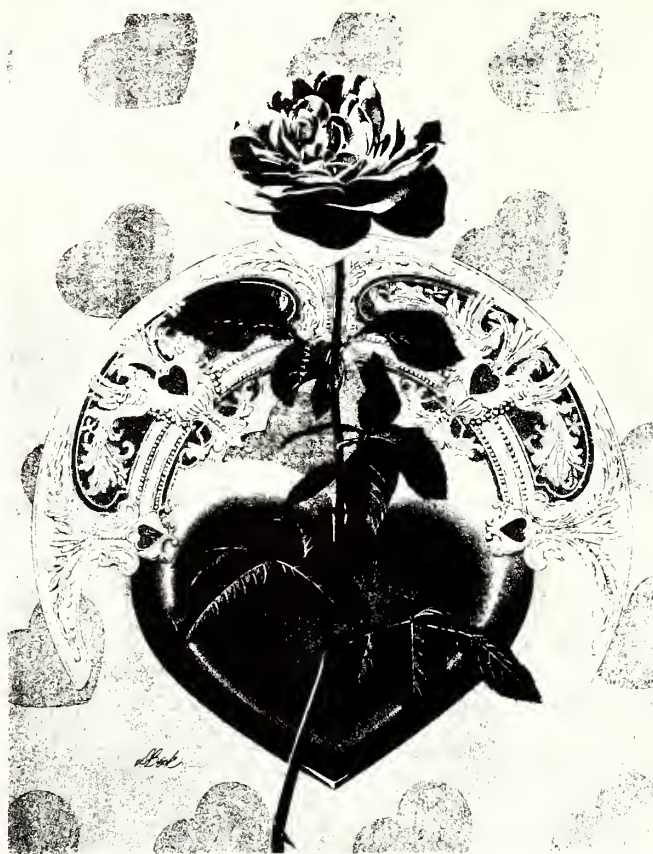
by Dr. W. Charles Arn

Growing churches are more loving—to visitors—than declining churches. According to new research conducted by the Institute for American Church Growth (Pasadena, CA), members of growing churches reported both giving and experiencing more love and caring than members of declining churches. The research also discovered a correlation between an entire denomination's "love ability" and its membership growth or decline. Members in growing denominations, such as the Assemblies of God, Church of the Nazarene, and Southern Baptist, are apparently more loving than members in declining denominations, such as the Presbyterian, Lutheran, and United Methodist!

Conventional explanations for the growth or decline of churches have focused on areas such as pastoral leadership, attractiveness of facilities, location, liberal versus conservative theology, and evangelistic fervor. But there is increasing evidence that *none* of these issues influences a church's growth or decline as significantly as how much love and acceptance people experience when they attend. At a time when falling memberships are of increasing concern, this may require denominational leaders to reconsider their philosophy and strategy of church growth.

The Institute for American Church Growth, a leading evangelical research and development organization, surveyed over 8,600 people from 39 different Protestant denominations to measure their "love-care quotient." Church members completed a 17-question survey in a Sunday morning service.

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The "love-quotients" of churches in the same denomination were combined, and fascinating relationships emerged between "love" and "church growth":

- * Of all Protestant denominations, members in the Assemblies of God (which has grown by approximately 50% in the last ten years) find it easiest to say "I love you." Members in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (a declining denomination) find it most difficult.
- * Presbyterians feel their churches are least loving to visitors. Members in the Church of Nazarene feel they are most loving to visitors. (The Presbyterian Church, USA, has declined by 15% in the last ten years; the Church of the Nazarene has grown by 22% in this same period.)
- * Members in Southern Baptist churches (the largest Protestant denomination in America) rate highest when asked about how loving they are to each other.
- * Growing churches, regardless of their denominational affiliation, rate 35% higher in the degree of love experienced by visitors.
- * Persons in growing churches report experiencing significantly more love in their classes and small groups than members of non-growing churches.

When the denominations' "love-quotients" were compared to overall membership trends for the past ten years, a correlation emerged between a denomination's "love-ability" and its

growth pattern. The "love-quotient" figures below are based on a possible score of 100 (the closer to 100, the greater love the church reported). The second column shows the membership trend for the years between 1975 and 1985.

Denomination	LCO	Trend
Christian Reformed	52	no change
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	54	decline
Conservative Baptist Association	56	decline
Reformed Church in America	57	decline
Independent Baptist	58	not available
Other Lutheran (combined)	58	decline
Moravian	59	decline
Mennonite	59	growth
Brethren	60	decline
United Methodist	61	decline
Christian and Missionary Alliance	61	growth
Christian Church (Disciples)	63	decline
Episcopal	63	decline
American Baptist	64	decline
Presbyterian Church (USA)	64	decline
Christian Church (Church of Christ)	65	no change
Baptist General Conference	66	growth
Free Methodist	68	growth
Evangelical Free	68	growth
Independent	68	growth
Church of the Nazarene	69	growth
Church of God (Anderson, IN)	70	growth
Presbyterian Church in America	70	growth
Assemblies of God	71	growth
Missionary Church	72	growth
Foursquare Church	72	growth
Church of God (Cleveland, TN)	73	growth
Southern Baptist	74	growth

(80% of the churches with a "love-quotient" below 65 declined during the last ten years. 92% of the churches with 65 or above experienced growth.)

Dr. Win Arn, president of The Institute for American Church Growth and principal researcher in the study, concludes, "Most churches that are growing today have learned how to love. A church that loves people is a church that grows. Unfortunately not all churches are practicing the command to love which appears more often than any other in the Bible. We are finding that love can be taught—and learned—in churches that seem to have forgotten how. Learning to love, or to love again, is the most important first step for a church that wants to grow."

A more complete summary of the results and implications of this first extended study of love in the church is presented in the new book *Who Cares About Love?* (\$6.95) by Dr. Win Arn, Mr. Carroll Nyquist, and Dr. Charles Arn. The book is available from Church Growth Press (709 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91101). The authors have also produced two thirty-minute color films on the same subject.



DIVIDED WE FALL, TOGETHER WE STAND

by John R. Williams



In Matthew 12:25 we find Jesus saying, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."

The words, "a house divided against itself will fall," are words that can be applied to many areas of our lives. I believe that in our work as a denomination and as a church unity is strength and division is failure. Differing views will always be with us. When you put different people together views are varied. Differences are good because they can give our church a healthy balance. However, when we focus more attention on what divides us, differences become a problem. We become divided against ourselves. We lose sight of what unites us as a church and denomination. I believe we as Free Will Baptists are divided and are becoming more divided. We are losing sight of what should unite us.

HOW ARE WE DIVIDED?

We are divided against ourselves as the Scripture states. The division that is causing us so much trouble is not theological or doctrinal in nature. On many of these issues we are able to agree or disagree. We are divided in that people are placed in groups or camps labeled liberal and fundamental. Each camp plays a game of politics hoping to put its people in positions of power. The desire is to pull the denomination to their way of doing things. An atmosphere of mistrust has evolved and become a way of life for the denomination. I believe that we are so busy playing the power game that real ministry has almost been forgotten. There are people who are in need of the help the church can give.

There are people who are lost without Christ. Am I right? Have we lost sight of the vision?

WHAT SHOULD WE UNITE ON?

For me it is my Lord and my fellow human beings. Matthew 22:36-40 is the basis for what I believe about the work of the ministry. Here Jesus was asked, "Master, which is the greatest commandment? Jesus said to him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

What unites us is the call by our Lord to do the work of the ministry. We should be so consumed with the actual doing of ministry that our differences are trivial. We must minister to people and the basis for our work is love of God and our fellow human beings. If this love is seen lacking by the world, then we fail. If it is lacking, we have nothing to say to our world.

HOW CAN WE UNITE?

The first step was taken by God when Christ became the propitiation for our sins. Through Christ we belong to God. We need to let this sink in. We all belong to Christ.

Second, we must make a clear-cut decision to get on with the work. Let's decide that there is room in this denomination for all of us, even with our differences, and stop fighting and go to work.

Third, let us look to God together for strength and power to do this work. We do not have the power in and of ourselves to accomplish what must be done.

PRACTICING THE ART OF FRIENDSHIP

by Ted W. Engstrom

At 7 a.m. one May morning, Pat Moore, who looked like she must be 85 years old, stepped out of her New York apartment. Awkwardly and nervously she moved down the hall to begin one of the strangest trips of her life.

At the bottom of the steps her landlady saw her and exclaimed, "Oh, I'm sorry. I was expecting somebody else."

"Don't you recognize me?" said Pat, her voice strained and cracked.

"No, ma'am, I don't," said the landlady, staring at the frail woman.

"I'm Pat Moore," was the laughing reply.

Her landlady stared in disbelief.

You see, Pat Moore was only 26 years of age. She had just begun a three-year stint of repeatedly masquerading for hours at a time as an old woman.

Deeply concerned about how Americans respond to the aged, she was going to find out for herself.

Pat soon learned, as she had suspected, that many older people are ignored simply because they are old. But during that time she also developed such a sensitivity for the aged that she actually started to feel old. Her experience was the consummate definition of friendship: identity with others.

I mention this because I know that one of the most subtle and persistent temptations that face a Christian leader is to discriminate on the basis of

position in life. We may not consciously say, "That person isn't as good as I am and doesn't merit my friendship," but our actions reveal that we see them in a different light. Because they don't have an engaging



personality or the education and experience we have, or because they can't converse on the topics we enjoy, or because they don't have the responsibility we have, we don't treat them as equals. Therefore, we miss what they have to offer our own tired spirits, and we miss the blessing of having another friend.

Treating others as equals is a keystone of learning to be a friend. Over the years, I've discovered five guidelines that have helped me to treat others as equals:

1. *Recognize that the more you give away, the more you will receive.* This is a law of

God. You can't give your love away without its coming back to you ten, twenty, or even one hundred times over.

2. *Let people know your differences so they can see who you really are.* No two people are alike. Nor do we have to be photocopies of each other to enjoy each other. (When was the last time you made a point of talking to someone you knew had a radically different point of view?)

3. *Avoid labeling people.* Black, white, lower economic, evangelical, Democrat, socialist. Leo Buscaglia calls these "distancing phenomena." Too often we slap these labels on people who, we feel, have nothing to say to us.

4. *Refuse to merely exist. Live creatively.* If we only knew how great is our potential compared with how little we settle for, we'd be astounded. Make every day count; leave a legacy of friendships.

5. *Reactivate your childhood heart.* Jesus reminded His disciples—and us—that Heaven itself is made up of those who never lose their childlike nature. As we get older, if we're not careful, we get a hardening of the childlike arteries. If we can somehow recapture the freshness of that childlike spirit, we will find ourselves free to explore the most wonderful relationships, regardless of race, economic status or education.

I offer these suggestions to you because I firmly believe that practicing the fine art of friendship will both enrich your life and enhance your performance as a Christian leader. In fact, you'll find that amazing things happen when you take the initiative to give those around you the gift of yourself.

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SOME SEED WILL YIELD

“I’VE been gypped!” complained an angry man to the *Atlanta Constitution* newspaper. “For three years straight now I’ve been buying a bag marked ‘wild birdseed’ at a grocery store and planting the seed. Nothing has ever come up. Should I sue the company?”

Bird lovers may sympathize with the man in the loss of his money. But they might also be tempted to advise him that bagged birdseed is for the birds and not for planting!

Have you ever sown seeds and wondered why plants never came up? Perhaps the seeds were old and had lost their fertility. Perhaps they were planted too deep or too shallow. Perhaps the birds or bugs ate them. Or maybe they did come up, but cutworms got the plants.

Jesus, in His parable about a sower (Matthew 13:3-9), told how the seed fell on different kinds of ground. Some fell by the wayside and were devoured by the birds. Some fell in stony ground, sprang up quickly and then withered away. Some fell among thorns and were choked and yielded no fruit. Jesus explained that this was like the Word of God being sown among men.

True Christians have an inherent desire to share their faith with others. We want to sow the seed as our Lord commanded. But sometimes we may wonder, even as the man who planted birdseed, why we never see any results.

Could it be that we are planting the wrong seeds, as he did? Jesus said the seed is the Word of God. This is the seed for a Christian to plant in witnessing, for the Word of God does the work of God.

Can personal opinions or arguments on side issues have the power to bear fruit in a life that the Word of God has? They can’t, because they are like the birdseed. Regardless of whom we are witnessing to, the best thing to do is stick to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

Yet what if we do tell others about Christ and use Scripture and nothing seems to be happening. It’s discouraging, isn’t it? Birds and

bugs may get our flower seeds; and as Jesus said, the birds devour seed scattered by the wayside. What should we do when this happens?

Keep on sowing. The Bible says, “And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9).

Sometimes the seed might be planted wrong, even as literal seeds may be planted too deeply or in ground which is too shallow. We may give forth the Word to someone without backing it with prayer or genuine concern. Some Christians hit people over the head with the Word in a superior, contentious spirit. That’s really burying it! On the other hand, our stand for Christ and the Bible may be wishy-washy, a shallow planting that bears no fruit.

The Bible says, “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psalm 126:6).

It’s a joy to see young plants spring up, isn’t it? It’s also a joy to see the Word spring forth into life eternal for some fellow human being.

But what happens to young tomato plants when cutworms have been busy during the night? Disasterville!

You have to surround the young plants with little cardboard collars to protect them from the devastations of cutworms. Or if you put tomato plants out too early in the spring, frost might get them; so you must cover them with caps at night.

Even so, young Christians need the prayers and ministrations of older Christians to help protect them from the devastations of the enemy, Satan. They need to be nurtured by the Word, helped to grow to the point where they can stand firm for the Lord. They need to be covered with the protective mantle of prayer, even as Paul said in Ephesians 6:18, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

It takes a lot of work to be a good husbandman for the Lord—but it’s worth it!

Remember, some seed will yield fruit.



Well, the reports are in and many of us may be surprised by what they show. The information gained through personal interviews with teenagers concerning their intimate feelings, thoughts and hopes for the future reveals much about what they do and do not approve of today. Some of the findings of the report are cited for you below.

(If you are interested in reading more about this, see Jane Rinzler's *Teens Speak Out: A Report from Today's Teens on Their Most Intimate Thoughts, Feelings and Hopes for the Future*, \$7.95.)

TEENS SPEAK OUT



BOYS

	% Disapprove	% Approve	% Undecided
Abortion	33	48	19
Cheating in school	65	15	20
Cigarettes	73	22	5
Divorce	51	26	23
Drinking	34	49	17
Drugs	73	17	10
Extramarital affairs	86	8	6
Homosexuality	72	13	15
Premarital sex	22	61	17
Promiscuity	37	25	38

GIRLS

	% Disapprove	% Approve	% Undecided
Abortion	35	42	23
Cheating in school	75	13	12
Cigarettes	63	25	12
Divorce	28	48	24
Drinking	35	46	19
Drugs	82	7	11
Extramarital affairs	97	0	3
Homosexuality	55	20	25
Premarital sex	33	43	24
Promiscuity	56	10	34

The following charts list the activity in the order of how greatly they are disapproved.

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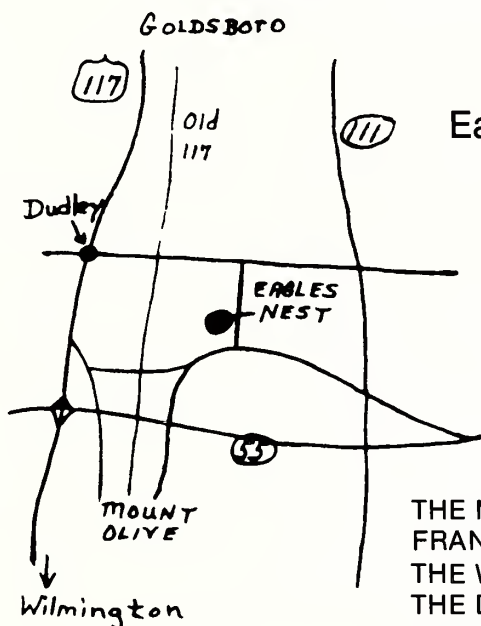
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WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE IMPACT

by Harold Jones

The conference this year was perhaps the most significant conference we have ever held. David Bryant set the stage for in-depth prayer in our church. You may not have attended, but you will see and be a part of the results. There is a realization among many that we Free Will Baptists need revival. We have tried many things to stir the church into fervent activity and excitement for the Lord, but it seems that every effort is like a soap bubble that looks good for a moment and then bursts, and we return to the same old thing. Our need is not more programs, more activities, more how-to-seminars. Our need is *prayer*. David Bryant shared with us the biblical basis for concerts of prayer. Prayer changes things. We need to pray, seeking the

fullness of Christ (revival) and also fulfillment (the evangelization of the world). These two things should bring excitement to the church. All of us desire a deeper walk with God, and our greatest joy should be others trusting Christ as Saviour and Lord, not just now and then, but regularly. This is God's plan, but it will not happen if we do not pray.

Churches all over the world are growing. The chief reason is *prayer*. Could it be that the reason the Free Will Baptist Church is not growing, is not seeing the miraculous power of God manifested, is that we are not praying? The Bible says, "Ye have not because ye ask not." This means more than just endless requests. It means to sincerely seek the face of God.



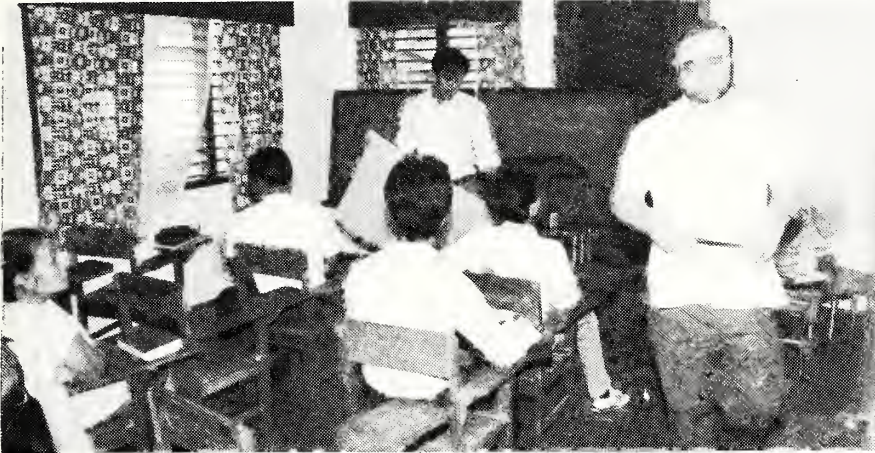
In the January-February issue of *World Christian Magazine*, there is an article on page 46 about the church in Korea. This is the fastest growing church in the world. WHY? The writer states the following reason:

The main reason for church growth in Korea is that every church is praying. And we're not praying in America—that's the bottom line. God is giving an example to us, saying, "People, wake up. I want you to pray."

I believe we are in the early stages of revival and as our devotion to prayer intensifies, the flame will sweep every person and every facet of our church. As this happens, our determination to reach all people with the gospel will become the burning desire of our life. Praise the Lord to be living in this exciting time.

Books and tapes available: Books written by David Bryant are available through this office: Board of Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513: *Concerts of Prayer* and *In the Gap* (\$4 each). Tapes of the World Missions Conference are also available at \$3.50 each. Write the Rev. Doug Skinner, P.O. Box 117, Arapahoe, NC 28510. These books and tapes will revolutionize your thinking about prayer and help you move toward a more meaningful prayer life. Order today!

CONSULTATION OF EVANGELISM



Missionary Fred Baker in consultation with Filipino workers.

by Fred P. Baker

Leaders and pastors of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines assembled at the Puerto Princesa Free Will Baptist Church on December 16 and 17 for its first consultation on evangelism.

Speakers and topics for the occasion were: The Rev. Jaapal Ontong—"What Is Evangelism?"; Pastor Andrino Segay—"The Need of Evangelism"; Fred Baker—"The Motivation for Evangelism"; and the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao—"Evangelism Explosion III." Delegates attending the consultation were divided into groups for discussion and interaction with the speaker's message.

Three foundation biblical truths emerged from the discussion time. (1) The greatest mission of God is world evangelization. (2) The greatest mission of the church is world evangelization. (3) The greatest mission of every believer is world evangelization.

Upon reaffirming these three truths, the consultation body drafted the following statement: "We, the members of this first consultation on evangelism of the Free Will Baptist Church, do this day, December 17, 1985, agree to the

following statements and encourage every Free Will Baptist member to work and be a part in implementing these.

1. Every person in the world should hear the gospel.
2. Every believer must be equipped to share the gospel in the expression of their spiritual gifts.
3. Every believer must be equipped to disciple new converts, to live for Christ, and to share the gospel.
4. Evangelism Explosion III provides one model of evangelism that can fulfill the objectives of one, two, and three.
5. Every believer must be motivated by love for God and his fellowman."

Let us pray together that this first consultation on evangelism will refreshen and sharpen our vision of winning the world to Christ in our generation.

GRUBBS FAMILY BEGINS DEPUTATION



Paul, Nathaniel, Teresa, and Matthew Grubbs

The Grubbs Family, missionary candidates to the Philippines, have moved to Lowland, North Carolina. Their new address is: Route 1, Box 106, Lowland, NC 28552; phone, 745-3359. They have a few dates open to visit in our churches before their planned departure to the Philippines on September 30, 1986. Give them an appointment to visit your church. Contact them at the address above.

Prayer requests:

1. Pray for their safety as they travel to different churches.
2. Pray for their support level. It must be reached before September 30.
3. Pray for the visa process. We will begin the process soon. This will be our first application for a missionary visa under the new government in the Philippines.
4. Pray for their good health and for a constant spiritual life.

Your prayers are a vital ministry. Please pray.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is a new program sponsored by the Sunday School Convention. It was introduced and explained at the meeting of the Convention in March.

Do you have an outstanding teacher in your Sunday School? Would you like to recognize and honor him or her? If so, then why not nominate this person to be Teacher of the Year?

The process for nominating a teacher is simple. Write to me and I will send you all the information and forms you need. My address is: Bass Mitchell, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530. My phone number is 734-8378.

There are four forms which must be filled out and sent back to me. One is to be completed by the teacher being nominated; another by a person in the teacher's class; one by the superintendent; and the last one is to be filled out by the pastor.

We will send these forms to you in a packet. There is a cover letter included which tells you everything you need to know and do. Also, there is an envelope with my address on it which you can use to send back the completed forms.

There is a \$10 nominating fee for each teacher nominated. This should be sent in with each set of completed forms. It is strongly recommended that the church or Sunday School pay this fee.

It is important that you get these forms and fill them out as soon as possible. *The deadline for this year is December 1st.*

The first Teacher of the Year Award will be presented at the meeting of the Sunday School Convention in March of 1987. Every teacher nominated will also be recognized.

THANKS!

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to so many people who made our last Convention meeting a great success.

Many thanks to Gary Bailey, Janie Sowers, Bill Futch and De Wayne Eakes for leading our workshops. You did a tremendous job! We deeply appreciate your time and talents given so freely.

Thanks are also in order to the good people of Stoney Creek Church. They hosted our Convention.

We would also like to thank all of you who attended our Convention. Without your presence, we would not have even had it! In fact, without you we have no reason for existing. Thanks for all your support. Our prayer

is that you found the meeting helpful and inspirational. And if you have any ideas on ways to help us improve it or any of our programs, please share them with us.

COURSES COMPLETED

In February and March, the two courses in the Basic Teacher Certificate were taught at Kinston Church. The following persons were enrolled: Clara Elmore, Adrian Grubbs, Milton Harper, Ada Hines, Lucille Holland, Irene Jenkins, Stanley Jenkins, Linda Jenkins, Nettie Jenkins, Phoebe Kennedy, Alice Kivett, James Lucas, Daphna Lucas, Sybil Robinson, Doris Smith, Robert Smith, Barbara Smith, Vivian Sugg, Charles Sumrell, Margie Wiley.

These fine teachers represented five churches. They are: Deep Run, Pilgrims Home, Westside, Kinston and Smith's New Home.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THIS ONE

Recently I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know the new pastor of Black Jack Church. He is the Rev. Dan Rivers. This dedicated minister is very concerned about and involved in the Sunday School of Black Jack Church. And under his leadership, I see many great things happening there.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with the Sunday School Cabinet of Black Jack Church. Benjie Forrest is the General Superintendent and thus the chairman of this Cabinet. I was impressed by their concern, dedication, creativity and willingness to work hard to improve their Sunday School.

One of the ways to improve your Sunday School is through learning from other Sunday Schools. The Sunday School of Black Jack Church is one that you can learn a lot from. It has a good program, a wide variety of creative activities, is a growing Sunday school and is unafraid to try new ideas and programs.

Keep your eyes on this Sunday School! It can help show us what the Sunday School can be and do!

A RESOURCE PERSON

That's what I am as your Field Secretary! Do you have an upcoming meeting of your teachers or Sunday School Council? I would be glad to come and share with you what we offer and to explore ways to help your Sunday School grow and improve. I offer you practical and proven ideas. I can refer you to the best resources on Sunday School work available today. I can help you solve problems in a

creative manner. I can help you evaluate your Sunday School and design specific programs for improving it. I can help you set up training programs and get training resources for your Sunday School officers and teachers. I can help you establish a Sunday School Council, as well as suggesting ways to improve the organization and administration of your Sunday School.

Please call upon me if I can be of any service to you. I am *your* Field Secretary!

SUMMER IDEAS

The following are some ideas and activities that just might bring some new life to your Sunday School and classes during the summer months.

Have a field day. Plan recreational activities for your whole Sunday School, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. Have a recreational leader to plan activities for each age group. Let classes compete in various games. Have a light supper together and then an evening vesper service.

Take advantage of the good weather. Take your class outside for the lesson from time to time. Classrooms can get stuffy.

Plan a lot of class get-togethers. These are important. Meet in your homes. Take a trip together. Have a pool party. Have a class cookout.

Plan a workday for teachers. Get the teachers and some of their class members to take a day to come and work in their classroom—to clean up, take down old posters or bulletin boards, put up new materials, do

some painting, if needed; and to make general improvements in their rooms.

Plan a Sunday School picnic. We used to have these in days gone by. I really enjoyed them.

Why not have your morning worship service at 10 and your Sunday School at 11 during the summer months? Some churches do this all the time and really like it. Others have Sunday School at 9 and morning worship at 10. A change in the routine can often be refreshing.

Why not have your Sunday School on Saturday? You could have it from 10 to 12, and then have lunch together. This certainly would give you more time for Christian education.

Offer elective courses for your adults during the summer. One course could be based on the quarterly. Another could be a study of a book of the Bible that many would like to study. Another course could be on Christian parenting or some other topic of interest and concern to your adults. The adults then choose the class in which they would like to participate.

Call off your Sunday School one Sunday. Encourage your classes to ride around in your community or in their communities during the usual Sunday School hour and look for persons who do not attend Sunday School. They should keep a list of such persons and where they live. Then next week they can call or visit these persons and invite them to Sunday School.

Plan a Teacher Breakfast Sunday. This is simply a time for teachers to get together for some good food, fellowship, and prayer.



**GRADUATION 1986—
A DAY TO REMEMBER**

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College

*The Board of Trustees, Faculty
and Graduating Class
of*

Mount Olive College

*request the honor of your presence
at the*

Commencement Exercises

*Saturday morning, May tenth
Nineteen hundred and eighty-six
ten-thirty o'clock*

College Hall

By any standard of measurement, Saturday, May 10, will be an historic day for both Mount Olive College and the Free Will Baptist Church. On that date the College will award its first baccalaureate degrees.

The event will be in College Hall, beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will be a day to remember. In years to come you will want to tell your children and grandchildren, "I was there!" And you deserve to be here because your support, prayers and words of encouragement have helped to make it all possible.

Music by the Brass Quintet of the North Carolina Symphony will begin at 10 a.m. and the procession will enter at 10:30 a.m. In the history of Original Free Will Baptists, there has never been a day like this one, but we need your presence to make it complete.

We will be looking for you!

GRADUATION— “AN HISTORIC EVENT”

“Graduation this year will be an historic event at Mount Olive College in that we will award our first baccalaureate degrees,” says President W. Burkette Raper. “We have planned two major events for the graduating class.” The College family and honored guests will hear two outstanding speakers.



THE COMMENCEMENT WORSHIP SERVICE

The Rev. Marvin Waters, an alumnus of Mount Olive College, will speak at the commencement worship service. The service will be held in Rodgers Chapel on Sunday, May 4, at 8 p.m.

Currently the pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Bern, Waters is a 1973 graduate of Mount Olive College and a winner of the College's Jordan (Citizenship) Award. He received his master's degree from East Carolina University.

Waters serves on the Board of Directors of Religious Community Services for the city of New Bern, Committee for Children of Craven County, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

GRADUATION

The Honorable James B. Hunt Jr., former North Carolina governor, will give the com-

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mencement
address.
Graduation
exercises
are set for 10:30
a.m. in College Hall.

The former governor's family is recognized for giving tireless leadership and support to Mount Olive College. For 22 years his father, James B. Hunt Sr., has been a member of the College Board of Trustees, serving as chairman since 1974. This period of time parallels the beginning of construction of the first buildings on the main campus.

His mother, Mrs. Elsie B. Hunt, was a member of the original campus beautification committee. The Hunts have established the Elsie Brame and James B. Hunt Endowment and are among the first chapter library patrons of Mount Olive College.

Mr. Hunt Sr. has devoted endless hours working on behalf of the College representing Mount Olive at church, business and civic meetings.

HARRISON TO LEAD DEEPER LIFE CONFERENCE



The Rev. Frank Harrison

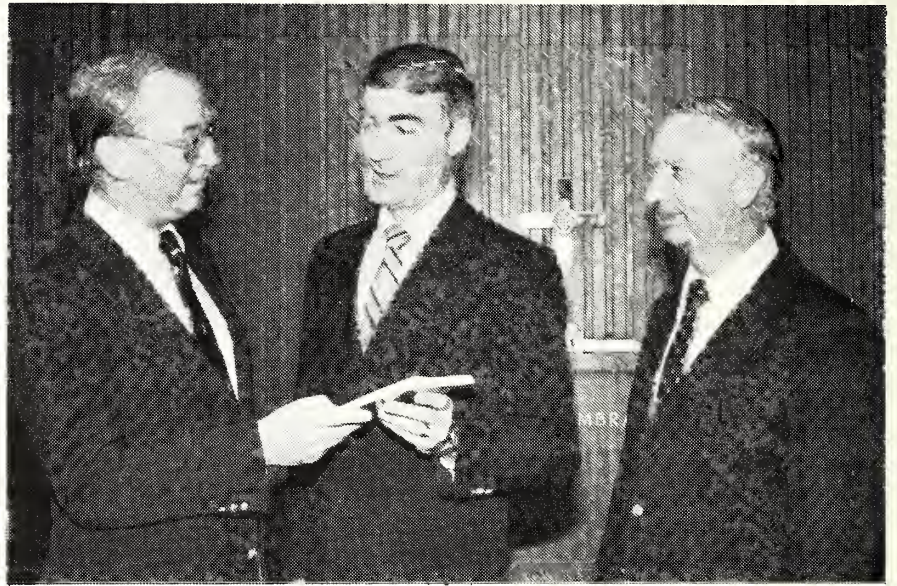
The Rev. Frank Harrison will lead a Deeper Life Conference at White Oak Church, Bladenboro, beginning on Sunday night, May 25, 8 p.m. The Conference will conclude on Tuesday night. The services will be at 8 p.m. each night.

The purpose of the Conference will be to help lay people develop a deeper and more meaningful spiritual life on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Harrison will lead a Bible study on four topics:

1. "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit—His Ministry in the Life of the Believer"
2. "Prayer—What the Bible Teaches Us About Prayer"
3. "Scripture—How the Bible Contributes to Our Spiritual Life"
4. "The Believer—His Position and Privileges in Christ"

Area churches are invited to participate in the Conference.

Mr. Harrison is Chaplain and director of Denominational Services at Mount Olive College.



CHAPEL SPEAKER PRESENTS BOOK—Dr. George W. Braswell, left, presents his book, *To Ride a Magic Carpet*, to Mount Olive College Librarian Gary Barefoot and College Chaplain Frank R. Harrison. Dr. Braswell, professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, spoke during a "Missions Day" service. His book is an account of his experiences as a missionary in Iran.



JOIN US FOR SPRING VISITATION DAY

Plans for the fall semester at Mount Olive College have already begun and applications are up 30 percent over this time last year. Students who have not made their college plans are invited to attend Spring Visitation Day on Saturday, May 3.

The campus-wide open house is for prospective students and parents. It will begin with registration at 9:45 a.m. in the Henderson Building and end early in the afternoon.

Tours, lunch and entertainment are scheduled along with sessions on admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and student and academic affairs.

Financial aid is still available for the fall semester and qualified Free Will Baptist students may receive the Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant of \$1,500 per year.

For information contact Dianne B. Riley, Director of Admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919/658-2502).

CHARLES BARNARD—A PASTOR WITH A PURPOSE

by Patti O'Donoghue
Director of Public Information

Already a man of accomplishment, the Rev. Charles Barnard of Goldsboro decided to return to college. It would seem that his life was firmly in place. He had earned an associate in arts degree from Brewton-Parker College in Georgia. He had served as a missionary in the Philippines and was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister.

It would take time and effort to attend college while serving a full-time church, but Barnard had a purpose.

"Coming to Mount Olive College puts you in the midst of what is happening in the denomination," says Barnard. "It gives you exposure among Free Will Baptists. People you meet, contacts you make, friendship you build—it's all part of the education."

He adds enthusiastically, "I had already decided that I wanted to be one of the first four-year graduates of Mount Olive College!"

Before enrolling at Mount Olive, Barnard, his wife Jackie, and children, Shanna and Jeffrey, lived for three years on the Philippine island of Palawan. They arrived for missionary duty on March 11, 1982. Exactly one month later, on April 11, Barnard was ordained a Free Will Baptist minister. A variety of duties fell to the young minister at the Palawan Bible Institute.

"I was dean of the Institute, a teacher and pastoral counselor," remembers Barnard. "We wanted to stay, but due to family illnesses we were forced to return to the United States."

The family returned to Goldsboro where they had lived during their deputation prior to the mission assignment.

"When we came back Mount Olive College had begun its four-year program. I accepted the pastorate of Casey's Chapel and realized that I could be both a minister at a church and at the same time pursue my academic studies. The benefits to me are the accessibility, since we live in Wayne County, and the affordability."

Barnard takes advantage of financial aid provided by the College. He is eligible for the Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant and a Ministerial Scholarship, along with other grants and loans.

"The fact that my wife can attend college is also a benefit to us," he says. "Although she had to leave college because of a health problem, she has completed one semester."

"One of the big highlights of being here is 'sitting at the feet' of Dr. Pelt," comments Barnard. "His counsel is so wise. Dr. Pelt knows so much about the denomination and is aware of what is happening in the Body of Christ worldwide."

President of the Theological Student Fellowship, an

organization for religion majors, Barnard is also a keen student.

"Charles' broad experience in the armed forces and as a missionary have greatly enhanced his capacity to benefit from his learning experiences in the classroom and library," says Dr. Michael R. Pelt, Barnard's academic advisor.

Barnard feels that all of the courses he has taken at Mount Olive have prepared him for future endeavors.

"I've found that all classes are related to my fields of interest. Whether it is Free Will Baptist Church, history of Christianity, philosophy, psychology, religion in America or hymnody—every subject taken has prepared me for graduate school or seminary, as well as continuing in the ministry."

On May 10, Barnard will receive a bachelor of science degree in Christian ministries.

"I think being here and graduating with the first four-year class is a way of being part of our denominational history. No matter what else I do in the future, I'll always be glad that I was one of the first!"



The Rev. Charles Barnard, left, works in the library with his academic advisor, Dr. Michael R. Pelt. Barnard is a senior at Mount Olive College, a pastor and a former missionary.

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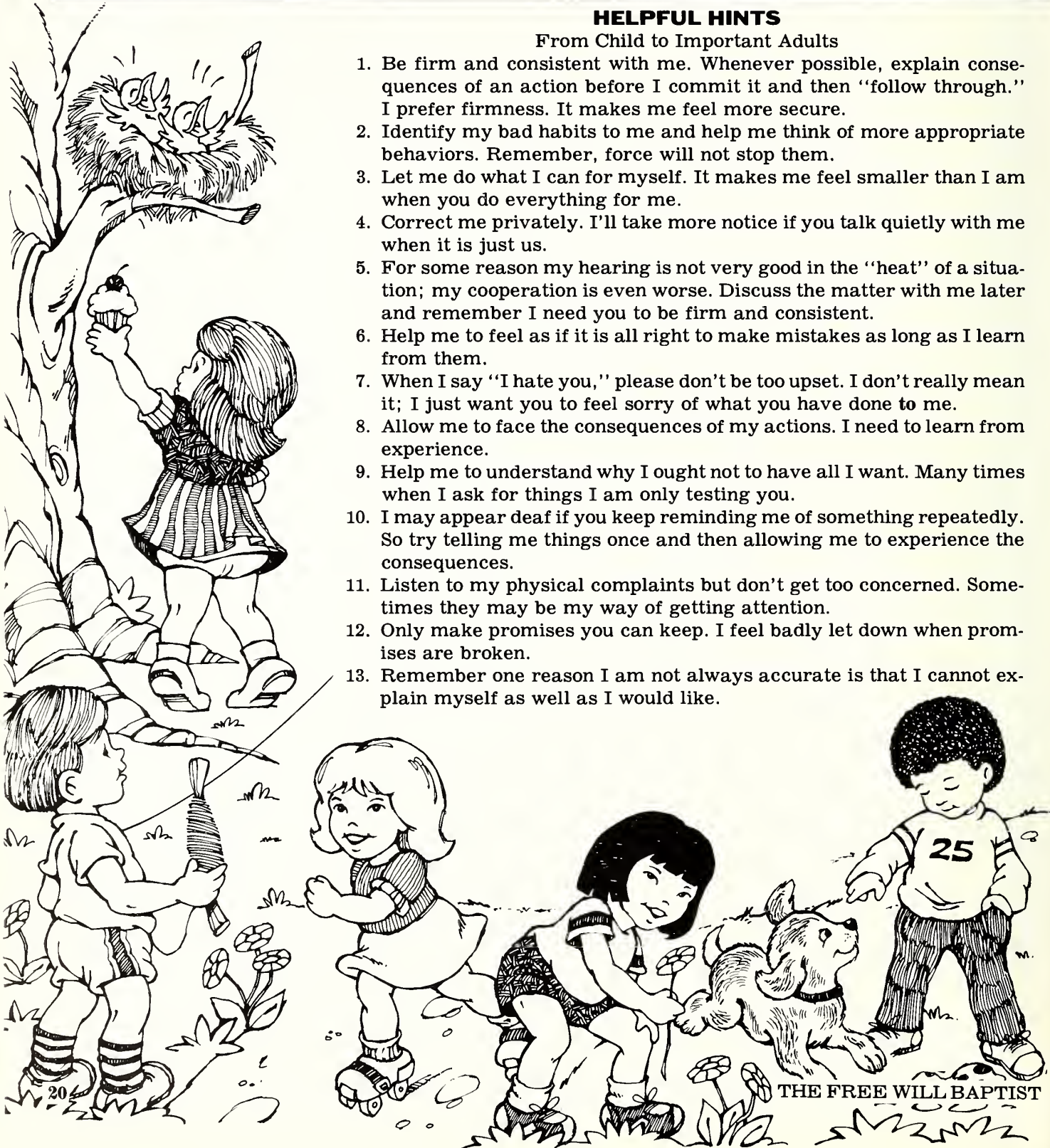
May Is Children's Home Month.

May 18 has been designated by the State Convention as **CHILDREN'S HOME DAY**. On behalf of our children we wish to thank you for your prayers and support for our Child Care Ministry. Your support is helping to ensure that we continue in the future to provide "A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS."

HELPFUL HINTS

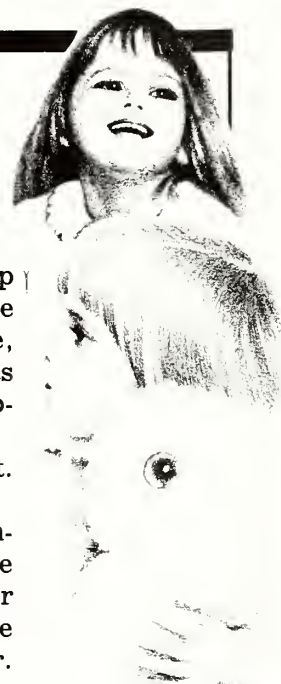
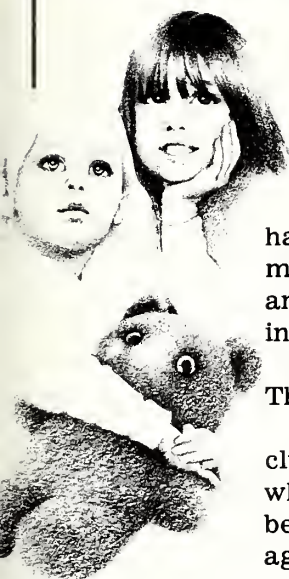
From Child to Important Adults

1. Be firm and consistent with me. Whenever possible, explain consequences of an action before I commit it and then "follow through." I prefer firmness. It makes me feel more secure.
2. Identify my bad habits to me and help me think of more appropriate behaviors. Remember, force will not stop them.
3. Let me do what I can for myself. It makes me feel smaller than I am when you do everything for me.
4. Correct me privately. I'll take more notice if you talk quietly with me when it is just us.
5. For some reason my hearing is not very good in the "heat" of a situation; my cooperation is even worse. Discuss the matter with me later and remember I need you to be firm and consistent.
6. Help me to feel as if it is all right to make mistakes as long as I learn from them.
7. When I say "I hate you," please don't be too upset. I don't really mean it; I just want you to feel sorry of what you have done to me.
8. Allow me to face the consequences of my actions. I need to learn from experience.
9. Help me to understand why I ought not to have all I want. Many times when I ask for things I am only testing you.
10. I may appear deaf if you keep reminding me of something repeatedly. So try telling me things once and then allowing me to experience the consequences.
11. Listen to my physical complaints but don't get too concerned. Sometimes they may be my way of getting attention.
12. Only make promises you can keep. I feel badly let down when promises are broken.
13. Remember one reason I am not always accurate is that I cannot explain myself as well as I would like.



A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF THE 80's

by Ina Hughs



I have been bothered more than ever before in my life by the sharp difference between children of the haves and children of the have-nots. The affluent have problems like anorexia, suicide, materialism, and which soap opera to watch. The poor wander the streets and stare at us across borderlines and ghettos, trying to stay alive, hopping for crumbs and a kind heart.

One group seems to have everything and not know what to do with it. The other seems to have nothing and no hope of getting anything.

I don't believe God planned it to be that way. Maybe if our prayers included not only our own children in our own neighborhoods, but also those whose names we'll never know who suffer in places we've never been—maybe then we would be closer to the time when God can, once again, smile over what He has made and call it good. Or, at least, better.

*We pray for children
Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
Who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
Who sneak Popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who never can find their shoes.*

*And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bounce down the street
In a new pair of sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.*

*Who pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off key,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
Who slurp their soup.*

*And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who watch their parents watch them die,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.*

*We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and
Pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,*

*Who shove dirty clothes under the bed
And never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at,
And whose smiles can make us cry.*

*And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.*

*We pray for children who want to be carried
And for those who must.*

*For those we never give up on
And for those who don't have a second chance
For those we smother
... and those who will grab the hand of anybody
Kind enough to offer it.*

(From a column by Ina Hughs printed in the *Charlotte, N.C., Observer* on October 3, 1985, and read at the Gaston County "State of the Child" Conference sponsored by the Junior League of Gastonia and the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute. Reprinted by permission.)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

It is a fact of life that all of us do not possess the same abilities to learn. All students are, however, expected to perform to their highest ability academically. Some of our students' "best" may be a "C" average; some may be able to achieve an "A" average. Whatever the case, his or her best is good as far as the staff is concerned.

To help our children achieve their "best" academically we have two on-campus tutors: Danny Pate and Jan Kidd. The tutors are on campus four hours, two nights a week. The tutoring sessions may include a planned course of study, use of the computer, help with their homework or all three. All sessions last an hour, with students getting individual help.



Each weeknight, time is set aside for a study hour, in which all children participate. Some of the cottages bring all the children together at the dining room table; others have study hour in their individual rooms. Cottage Supervisors help the children with their homework and check to be sure the younger children have completed all assignments.

Rewards and privileges are given as improvements are made. Participation in the



"Educational Reward Program" requires the following: Each child should have . . .

1. Improved by at least one full grade-point average (e.g. total of all courses should equal "C" if last marking period for all courses equaled a "D" when averaged), or
2. Maintained a "B" average (if not dropped from an "A" average), or
3. Done either of the two above, with no less than a "B" average on conduct at any time.

Educational rewards consist of such things as a trip to eat pizza, skating, playing putt-putt, or seeing a video. Rewards are given at the end of each grading period.

Two children at Deans Cottage, Ericka (3rd grade) and Martha (4th grade), have been placed in Academically Gifted classes at Middlesex Elementary School, and a third child, Kristy (3rd grade), has been recommended for testing into the program. We are very proud of these three young ladies.

In our academic program, as with our other programs, we see each child as an individual with his or her own abilities. We strive to teach them that while each child has different degrees of abilities they are *special* in their own way.

CLUB SHARES ITS TIME AND LOVE



It was Sunday, March 23, 3 p.m., and the hunt was on. They looked under benches, up in trees and everywhere else they could possibly think of to see how many eggs they could find. The children at Deans Cottage enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and refreshments provided by Kenly Young Women's Club. These ladies have become a familiar and welcomed sight around Deans Cottage.



Kenly Young Women's Club began sponsoring Joann in August. Since that time, they have been faithful in visiting with Joann both here on campus and in their own homes. In addition, they have entertained Joann and her friends at Deans Cottage on several different occasions.

In September, they brought gifts and all the fixings for a party to celebrate Joann's birthday. All the children enjoyed themselves. At Christmas time, they came up



and spent "Cottage Christmas" night with Joann. Santa came along to help with all the nice gifts for her. Squeals of delight made him feel very wel-



SUMMER CAMP

It's a down-hill run for the summer months, and camping days are on the horizon. By June 1, we anticipate having at least 25 children who will be eligible for one of three summer camps: Cragmont, Mount Olive Basketball Camp, and 4-H Wilderness Camp. It will cost each child approximately

come. The club provided refreshments for the evening. February brought forth yet another chance for Kenly Young Women's Club to share their love with Joann and Deans Cottage. On February 13th, they visited with Joann and the others to celebrate Valentine's Day.

This past fall the Club held a Tupperware party with all orders being donated to the Children's Home. Our cottage supervisors have enjoyed using the new Tupperware.

These ladies sharing their love and time have been a blessing to our children. We would like to thank Kenly Young Women's Club for all they have done.

\$100. Without your sponsorship, these children will be unable to attend. Please consider giving a child a summer he'll always remember. If you would like to sponsor a child for a camp, send your donation designated camp sponsorship. Please contact us if you need any further information.

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HELP YOUR CHILD DO WELL IN SCHOOL

Children who like school usually do well academically. And children who do well in school usually like it. But how does a parent help a child into this happy circle? Even before your children start school, you can give them a strong basis for learning. One of the most important things you can do for your children is to read aloud to them at an early age. Encourage them to ask questions about what you have read. Also, encourage them to discuss daily activities. Talking about experiences helps a child develop vocabulary and learn about concepts—an ability that will help your child become a good reader. To develop math skills early, have children count things in the house. For

example, let them sort the silver and count how many of each object are in the set.

To do well in school, children must be interested in their work. They must see it not only as a means to a grade, but as a means to solving problems and communicating ideas. It's important to make it easy for your children to develop this interest. Give them each a clear, flat work space that is quiet and free of distractions, where they can think and work on assignments.

Writing well calls for an ability to approach problems in an organized way. The best way to develop clear, effective writing is through meaningful practice. This means giving your child something to write and a

reason to write it. A letter to an out-of-town friend or relative is a good start. Most children enjoy sharing their thoughts and ideas, and a letter can show your children that writing is a fun way of doing so. Getting practice in writing outside the classroom will help prepare your children for the writing they must do in school.

Tests are another fact of life for school children. You can help to reduce your children's worries about taking tests by encouraging them to space studying over days or weeks. Information learned over time will be retained better than that learned in one evening "cramming." After the test, review the results with your children. Discuss wrong

answers and make sure they understand why their answers were wrong.

Improving their reading, writing, math and test-taking skills will help your children do better in school all-around. You can also help them to do better by encouraging them to pay attention in class and by setting aside a place for them to study at home. Help your children to believe that their efforts in school do make a difference, and praise them for their achievements.

FURNITURE PROJECT

We are pleased to report on our furniture project that began in November '85 and ended January '86. The local businesses in the Wilson, Zebulon, Bailey area contributed over \$5,000 to help replace some of the furniture in one of our cottages. We offer a special thank you to those businesses. The furniture is on order and should be delivered by May.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The years have taken their toll on a number of drapes in our children's rooms. We are asking for your help to replace these items. We are asking for a gift of \$30 per window. We need bath towels, wash cloths, dish towels and pillows.

We need 24 box springs and mattresses. The present ones being used are extremely old and worn out. We have contracted to purchase first-line box springs and mattresses at \$110 per set. We can accomplish these projects with your help.

These are good projects for Sunday School classes, Auxiliaries, youth groups and Layman's Leagues. If you can help with any of the above items, it would greatly be appreciated by the child in whose room it would be placed.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Through family service ministry we are offering to you audio materials, programs and printed material available on the family counseling, finances, etc., that may be borrowed from your child care and family service ministries. Call or write to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and request the course or program you desire and the date.

AUDIO MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- "Upon This Foundation" Volume I
- "Upon This Foundation" Volume II
A resource for the Counseling Pastor by H. Norman Wright
- "Your Finances in Changing Times"
Produced by Christian Financial Concepts
- "Before the Wedding Night"
Pre-marital counseling by Ed Wheat, M.D.
- "Strategies for Career Success for Women on the Move," by Sharon Crain, Ph.D.

PRINTED MATERIALS

- The Parent's Handbook/STEP Systematic Training for Effective Parenting*, by Don Dinkmeyer and Gary D. McKay
- STEP/TEEN
- Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teens*, by Don Dinkmeyer and Gary D. McKay
- Helping Children Manage Anger*, by Charles Confer
- Communication Skills: Effectively Expressing Your Thoughts, Feelings and Needs*, by Charles Confer
- Discipline: Defining Discipline, Discipline Versus Punishment, Parental Attitude*, by Charles Confer
- Kids With Drinking Problems*, by Susan Bierker



We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and prayers for your child care ministry. If we can be of any service, please contact the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC; or call (919) 235-2161.

Psalm 121

by John R. Williams

When we think of faith in conjunction with Cragmont, we turn to Psalm 121, which has been a part of Cragmont for many years. The reference to the hills by the writer of this Psalm makes it very fitting as a Scripture of focus for Cragmont.

In studying this Psalm, there is much to be learned about the probable situation of the writer. Most likely the person writing this Psalm was making a religious pilgrimage. In the time in which the writer lived, it took days to make these trips, as they traveled on foot. At night they camped along the roadside. Because they spent the night by the side of the road in tents, they were prime targets of thieves and robbers. To keep away the thieves, sentries or guards were placed around the camp to keep watch. As the writer looks out of his tent, he sees the guard who is there to protect him. He also sees the hills which remind him of another Guardian who never sleeps but always watches.

What is it that causes people to feel as they do about the mountains? Mountains seem to possess a power over people. Songs have been written about them. Poetry describes their greatness and beauty. Artists paint to capture their greatness.

Mountains have always been places for dramatic happenings of Bible characters. For example, Israel established a covenant with God and received the Ten Commandments on a mountain. Moses spent a great deal of time with God on a mountain. Elijah encountered the prophets of Baal on a mountain. In the New Testament, we remember the Mount of Olives, the Mount of Transfiguration. Our Lord died and gave His life on a mountain.

What is so special about mountains? They are peaceful and suggest beauty. But for me, the mountains suggest power. Not just any power, but the power of God Almighty. Mountains point us upward to God's power and might. Mountains look powerful, majestic, bold. I think of a God who is powerful, a God who loves and will protect—a God who is worthy of my faith.

So much of our time these days is spent on man-made things. We are surrounded by such things as cars, computers, VCRs, satellite dishes, and so on, not to say that these are bad. It is just good to retreat from these things once in a while to the mountains that God made. These mountains point our thoughts to Him.

Cragmont is our Free Will Baptist mountain retreat. I am happy that we have this place

where we can take the time to be alone with God and be reminded of a powerful God who is worthy of our faith.

CRAGMONT CALENDAR 1986

May 19-22—General Baptist Ministers' Conference

June 2-5—Spring Limited Edition

October 13-16—Autumn Limited Edition

October 24-26—Cragmont Club Weekend Retreat

SUMMER CONFERENCES

General Youth Conference June 16-21

Rick Watson, Registrar
Route 3, Box 142-AA
Kenly, NC 27542

Christian Cadet Conference June 23-28

Bobby Taylor, Director-Registrar
Route 2, Box 40-A
Middlesex, NC 27557

Youth Frontier Conference (YFA) June 30-July 5

Scott and Janie Sowers, Directors-Registrars
Route 1, Box 106-B
Farmville, NC 27828

Youth Frontier Conference (AFC) July 8-13

Doug Skinner, Director-Registrar
Box 117
Arapahoe, NC 28510

General Youth Conference II July 14-19

Adrian Grubbs, Director-Registrar
Route 1, Box 72-A
Deep Run, NC 28525

Ministers' Conference July 21-26

Calvin Heath, Registrar
Route 5, Box 369
Mount Olive, NC 28365

Young People's Bible Conference July 29-Aug. 2

James Gurganus, Director-Registrar
Route 3, Box 64
Newport, NC 28570

Woman's Auxiliary Conference I August 4-9

Mrs. Alice Barrow, Registrar
Route 2, Box 375
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Woman's Auxiliary Conference II August 11-16

Mrs. Alice Barrow, Registrar
Route 2, Box 375
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Announcing

A Day of Prayer for All Free Will Baptists—Emphasizing Concerts of Prayer as Taught by David Bryant.



Date: June 3, 1986

Purpose: To pray for revival,
unity, growth and world outreach.

Place: Eagles Nest

Time: 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



If you long for revival (the fullness of Christ in our church) and for fulfillment (the preaching of the gospel of all people), then we must pray together.

Every Free Will Baptist who can possibly come should. This will be one of the most exciting and fulfilling days of your life.

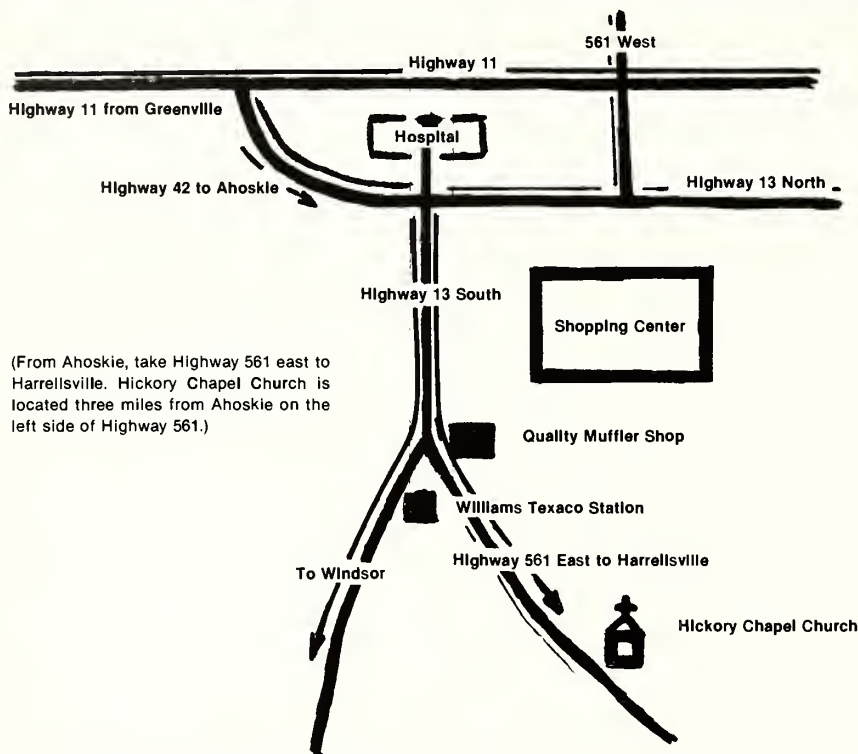
(Things to bring: Bible and a lawn chair.)

A sandwich lunch will be available at \$2.

How This Day Was Conceived: On June 5, 1984, Frank Ray Harrison and Harold Jones went before the Executive Committee of the State Convention to ask them to lead Free Will Baptists into days of prayer for revival, unity, growth, and world outreach. The Executive Committee agreed and appointed Harold Jones, Frank Ray Harrison and Gary Bailey to serve on the committee to plan and implement these days of prayer. The committee decided to wait until after the 1986 World Missions Conference, with David Bryant, on Concerts of Prayer. This has been a two-year delay, but during this time the stage has been set for receiving what God has for Free Will Baptists. Let us pray together and receive.

Come join us and bring someone with you.

Sponsored by the State Convention Executive Committee.



THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE would like to extend a cordial invitation to everyone to join them at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which will be held at Hickory Chapel Church in Ahoskie on May 8. Lunch will be catered at an approximate cost of \$4.50 per plate. Those needing overnight accommodations might want to stay at either the Tomahawk Motel, North Academy Street, Ahoskie (332-3194), or at the Ramada Inn, located outside of Ahoskie on Highway 561 west (332-4165).

Hickory Chapel is located on Highway 561 east of Ahoskie. The map above will assist those not familiar with the area.

THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 2 was a special time at Arapahoe Church. The Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Missions Weekend, during which \$1,050 was raised for Foreign Missions. On Friday night, a movie, "The Calling," was viewed; and special guests were Paul and Teresa Grubbs, missionary candidates to the Philippines. On Saturday, the members of the church fellowshiped during a pig-pickin' and a slide presentation of the present missions work being done by the denomination. The Rev. Harold Jones, director of the Foreign Missions program, led this service. To climax the weekend, the Woman's Auxiliary led the Sunday morning worship service, bringing to all a clearer realization of the role each Christian plays in missions.

THE PIEDMONT CONFERENCE met with House of Prayer Church, Kernersville, on March 29. The pastor, the Rev. Mrs. Carlee Stallard, gave a hearty welcome.

The Ordaining Council reported that permission has been given to the Rev. Bobby Parker to keep his original ordination papers, so long as he attaches his

credentials from the Conference to them. The Rev. Gordon Massey has been cleared to work with the Rev. George Greene at Northside Church, pending clearance from his Conference. The Rev. Danny Hanks asked that his name be dropped from the list of ordained ministers, and he has been asked to forward his credentials. The Rev. Charles Crisp was cleared to pastor East Rockingham Church and his membership in the Conference is pending a letter from the Western Conference. The Rev. Mrs. Doris Pinyan came before the Conference to be ordained and was given a good report.

The next Union Meeting of the Conference will be on June 28, at Good News Church, in East Rockingham.

THE STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT will be held June 7, at Eagles' Nest Conference Center, Mount Olive, North Carolina. The day will begin with silent prayer at 9 a.m. The Rev. Wayne King will lead the first session, which is entitled, "The Bible and Spiritual Growth." This session begins at 9:05. The second session, led by the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison, is on "The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Growth." A

break has been scheduled from 10:30 to 11, and it is to be followed by an hour of recreation. Lunch is at noon. The Rev. Ray Williamson will lead session three, "Worship and Spiritual Growth." This session begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 2; a thirty-minute break follows. A Bible study and time of prayer will follow, under the direction of the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison at 2:30. At 3:30, the Rev. Lloyd Hargis will lead in a time of sharing and testimony.

Each participant is asked to read *Out of Solitude—Three Meditations on the Christian Life*, written by J. M. Nouwen, prior to the retreat. (This book is available through Mount Olive College or the Free Will Baptist Press.)

In order for the College to know how to plan for lunch and overnight accommodations, each person planning to attend is asked to register by May 30. (Checks for overnight accommodations should be made payable to the State Layman's League Convention.) Register by sending your name, address, city, state, zip, church name, conference, and home telephone number to Mr. Floyd Newsome, Route 5, Box 256, Wilson, NC 27893. You need to also indicate whether or not you intend to attend the retreat on June 7, eat lunch at Eagles' Nest, and spend the night on Friday, June 6 (\$5). The cost of lunch on Saturday is \$5. If you plan to spend the night, bring your sleeping bag, or whatever else you will need to stay overnight. Bibles will be needed on Saturday.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison, phone 658-2502 (office) or 658-9363; or Mr. Floyd Newsome, phone 239-1175.

THE CAPE FEAR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP held its spring convention at Tee's Chapel Church. Haymount Church won the youth banner with 21 attending, and the overall banner was received by Riverside Church, with a total attendance of 40. The ten churches present boasted a total attendance of 233.

The following young people won the various competitions: *Arts and Crafts*: Cherubs, first place, Leslie Martin, Riverside Church; second place—Mark Worley, Shady Grove; third place—Christopher Wiggins, Haymount Church; AFC, first place—Paul Worley, Shady Grove Church; second place, Eddie Mason, Genesis Mission; third place—Carol Jean Surles, Shady Grove Church; YFA, first place—Janet Corbett, Tee's Chapel Church; second place, Christie Godby, Genesis Mission; third place, Anita Scarborough, Shady Grove Church; *Christian Writing*, Christa Kuhn, Haymount Church; *Lesson Presentation*, Carl Hayes, Tee's Chapel Church.

NEWS BRIEFS

THE 1986 SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE will be held at Beaverdam Church, Chadbourn, NC, June 23-24.

Churches are requested to send their pastor as well as delegates for a time of spiritual enlightenment and fellowship.

The scheduled program is as follows:

MONDAY

- 6:00—Registration
- 6:30—Special Music
- 7:00—Call to Order, the Rev. Harry Jones, president
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Welcome, the Rev. Jackie Godwin, host pastor
 - Response, the Rev. Mike Scott
 - Youth Program and Activities
 - Evening Sermon, the Rev. Tom Price
 - Altar Call
 - Congregational Singing
 - Prayer

TUESDAY

- 9:00—Registration Continued
- 9:15—Welcome and Special Music
- 9:20—Woman's Auxiliary Program
- 12:00—Lunch and Fellowship (Lunch will be provided by the host church)
- 2:00—Preaching and Fellowship, the Rev. Stanley Buck, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
- 3:00—The Rev. Joe Griffith, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
 - Recess
- 6:30—Business Session
- 7:00—Preaching and Fellowship, the Rev. Jackie Godwin, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
 - Recess
- 8:00—The Rev. W. S. Burns, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
 - Adjournment

The directions to the church are as follows: Take Highway 701 south of Whiteville approximately eight miles. A church sign will direct you to turn right; then go approximately 1 3/4 miles.

Those wanting to spend the night will find the following motels in the area:

Holiday Motel, Highway 701 North, Whiteville; phone, 642-5162

Best Western Premiere Inn, 701 Bypass, Whiteville; phone, 642-2378

Chadbourn Motel, Strawberry Boulevard; phone, 654-3247

El Rancho Motel, Highway 701 North, Tabor City; phone 653-3169

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP held its spring meeting at Marlboro Church, Farmville, in March. Nearly two hundred and fifty young people and their sponsors joined together in an activity-filled day, during which competitions took place. Pictured below are winners in the various categories of competition.



Cherubs Arts and Crafts Winners



AFC Arts and Crafts Winners



YFA Arts and Crafts Winners

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Public Speaking Winners

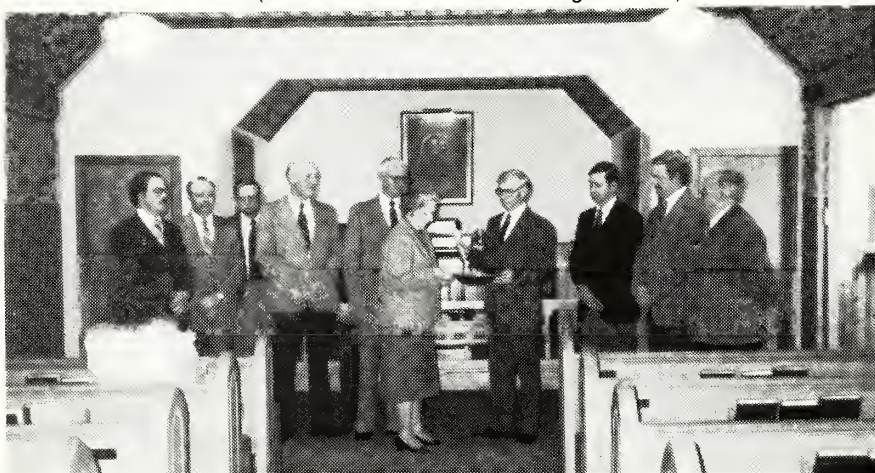


Lesson Presentation Winners



Bible Bowl Winners

(Not Pictured: Christian Writing Winners)



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Route 2, Pikeville, experienced a momentous occasion on January 5. It was on that day that the church parsonage was dedicated and a copy of the mortgage burned.

The parsonage was built in 1977; the Rev. Luther Swinson was the first pastor to reside therein.

Shown in the picture are the treasurer of the church, Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, along with the present deacon board and those who were serving in 1977. The Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor, is also shown.

The church members are happy to have the debt retired and give the glory to God.

Editor's Note: Our apologies to the congregation of Pleasant Hill Church. This article was inadvertently run in the last issue with the name of the church being given incorrectly.

THE CONGREGATION OF MARLBORO CHURCH, Route 1, Farmville, will celebrate Heritage Day on Sunday, May 4. The traditions of days gone by will be observed throughout the day, which will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship will be held outside. Lunch will be prepared by the men of the church, a la washpot; and the dress for the day is old-fashioned. The pastor and congregation cordially invite everyone to join them for this special day.

MARLBORO CHURCH, Route 1, Farmville, has scheduled a series of revival services for May 5-9. The pastor, the Rev. Scott Sowers, will deliver the message each evening. Special music will be highlighted throughout the services, which will begin nightly at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will be held at Bethany Church, near Winterville, on May 16. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. All laymen are encouraged to attend this Convention.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF CASEY'S CHAPEL CHURCH, Goldsboro, will sponsor a ladies retreat to be held May 16-17. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, followed by a light meal. The retreat will conclude on Saturday between 1-2 p.m.

Miss Rudene Kennedy will be the guest speaker. She will bring messages concerning "The Christ-like Woman," the theme of the retreat.

The charge for the retreat is \$10. Ladies are encouraged to pre-register on or before May 10. To do so, they should write to the following address: Casey's Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, Route 9, Box 221-A, Goldsboro, NC 27530; or call Jackie Barnard, 778-6909. (Please send checks only, no cash.) Meals will be provided.

Accommodations will be at the church, "slumber-party style." Please bring your own sleeping bag, cot, quilt, and so on, for sleeping.

Casey's Chapel is located about five miles east of Goldsboro on Highway 70.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Charlie Bryant is available for fill-in pastoral services. Even though his calling is to shut-ins, he is able to assist churches and pastors when needed. Those wishing to contact him can do so by writing to him at Route 1, Lucama, NC; or by phoning 284-3665.

Gary R. Burbage is available to all Free Will Baptist Churches as a lay speaker. Gary is superintendent of the Sunday School program at Sidney Church, Albemarle Conference. He is also

presently serving as the President of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention and is on the State Sunday School Convention Executive Committee.

Any church having need of supply work through this lay ministry may write or call: Gary Burbage, Route 1, Box 254, Bath, NC 27808; 964-4429.

ADOPTION DENIED COUPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH

Liberty magazine recently carried a story about a couple in the Los Angeles area who wanted to adopt a 14-year-old girl. The girl's father had committed adultery and a divorce resulted. The young girl did not want to live with either her mother or father and ran away from home. She became a ward of the court and ended up in the home of the couple who wanted to adopt her.

When the couple told the girl they wanted to adopt her, she put her arms around them and told them how much she wanted to live with them. Both parents of the girl agreed to the adoption, but her mother later changed her mind, stating that adoption would make it "too easy for her father. He should have to pay for what he did."

When the case came to court, the judge told the prospective parents that he had already had a change in mind.

"But," the couple's attorney pleaded, "the case has not been heard." The judge was adamant. Their petition for the girl was denied.

A few days later, the couple received a letter from the judge, telling them why he had decided against them, even without hearing the case. Their home, the judge said, was "too religious." Neither the judge nor the case worker ever visited the home. They had asked no questions concerning their religious beliefs. They only knew that the prospective parents took their Christian faith seriously and that was, in the opinion of the judge and case worker, enough to disqualify the couple as adoptive parents!



FOLKSTONE CHURCH HONORS SENIOR CITIZENS—Pictured with the Rev. Ronnie Parker are senior citizens from Folkstone Church, who were being honored. Each senior adult was presented a corsage or boutonniere upon arrival and was then escorted to a reserved section, where they could easily observe the special service being presented in their honor. A covered-dish dinner followed in the church fellowship hall.



THE YOUTH OF SNEADS FERRY CHURCH participated in the Bike-A-Thon for the Leukemia Society which was held on Saturday, April 5, and the youth group with their leader, Gary Parrish, had ten and an alternate as participants.

The team was not only able to raise \$1,357.85, but they also came in as first, second, and third place finishers on the twenty-mile ride, plus winning the trophy for the individual collecting the most funds. First place went to Nathan Turner, second place to Ronnie Allen, and third place to Gary Parrish, who also received another trophy for the most money raised, a total of \$505. Special award as novice rider was given to eight-year-old Bianca Parrish, who was not only the youngest participant but also the one who rode three miles over the required amount.

The following is a list of the participants and the amount of money donated by their sponsors:

Gary Parrish	\$505.00	Jeremy Lucas	71.00
Bianca Parrish	126.00	(Alternate, Orlando Powell)	
Carla Allen	113.00	Frankie Turner	53.85
Sondra Allen	110.00	Nathan Turner	38.25
Dwayne Turner	106.25	Jason Frye	17.60
Ronnie Allen	100.00	Travis Turner	17.00

The Lord blessed with a beautiful day for the bike ride, with sunny skies and a light breeze to make it comfortable for the outing. But more than this, He has blessed the church with youth who have beautiful hearts willing to give of their time and efforts for others.

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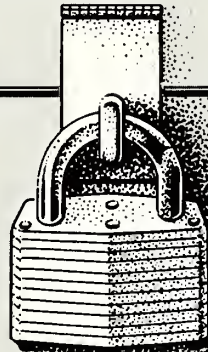
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KEEPERS OF THE FAITH



STATE YOUTH CONVENTION MAY 16-18, 1986

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 5:00 P.M. Registration—College Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Supper—New Campus
- 5:00—6:30 P.M. Registration of Arts and Crafts—College Hall, Classroom B
- 6:30 P.M. Practice for Talent Show—College Hall (Auditorium Open Only to Talent Show Participants, 6:30—7:45 p.m.)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice for Youth Convention Choir
- 7:00 P.M. Judging of Arts and Crafts (Judges Only)
- 8:00 P.M. Talent Competition
- 9:30 P.M. Vespers: YFA—Outside Library; AFC—Outside Chapel; Bible Bowl Contestants and Coaches—College Hall
- 10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Meeting for Bible Bowl Judges—Place TBA
Breakfast Meeting for Candidates—Place TBA
- 8:30 A.M. Registration at College Hall for Those Not Yet Registered
- 9:00—10:00 A.M. Business Session for Campaign Speeches—College Hall (Polls Open 10 A.M.—1 P.M.)
- 10:00 A.M. Bible Bowl Competition*
- 10:30 A.M. Public Speaking* Lesson Presentation
- 11:00 A.M. Cragmont Slides
- 11:00—1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:00 P.M. District First Place Winner's Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Registration for Those Not Yet Registered—College Hall

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- 1:30 P.M. Afternoon Business Session—Installment of Officers Immediately Following—College Hall
- 1:30 P.M. Adult Seminar—Chapel
- 3:00—3:30 P.M. Refreshment Break
- 3:30 P.M. Recreation Time (Softball, Kickball, Tennis, Basketball Will Be Available as Well as Special Activities for Cherubs)
- 4:45 P.M. Choir Practice
- 5:30 P.M. Supper—New Campus
- 7:00 P.M. Awards Presentation—College Hall
- 8:00 P.M. Evening Program—WRAL Radio Personality Famous Bob Inskeep



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 AFC—Outside Chapel

10:15—10:45 P.M. Refreshment Break
SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast—Downtown Campus
- 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship—Rodgers Chapel

General Information

Cost of meals provided by Mount Olive College Cafeteria will be \$2, breakfast; and \$2.75, lunch and supper.

Cost of lodging overnight will be \$8 per person per night.

The College will furnish linens, bath cloths, towels, and soap.

Guests must bring their own pillows, blankets, money for meals and snacks, Bible, notebook and pencil, and casual clothes for the weekend.

The Free Will Baptist Press and Mount Olive College bookstores will be open on Saturday. Rooms will be assigned in order as registration forms are received (first received, first served).

Money for lodging should be sent with a \$20 registration fee (per church) by May 1, 1985.

Money for meals will be collected at the time of the meal.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Please give address and phone number of person we may contact to answer questions about your group's registration:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Names of adults supervising young people staying overnight at the Convention (at least one adult male and one adult female):

Total number of youth and adults lodging overnight:

Friday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Males (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____
Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Females (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____

Saturday	Total	x \$8	Total
Males (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
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Females (12 and under)	_____	_____	_____
Females (13 and up)	_____	_____	_____

Registration fee (per church) \$20.00

Total amount enclosed _____

Total number of youth and adults eating meals provided by MOC cafeteria.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	*	_____	_____
Lunch	_____	_____	*
Supper	_____	_____	*

*No meals served at this time

Registration forms, along with lodging money and registration fee, should be sent to:

Joan Little
 Route 2, Box 347-C
 Farmville, NC 27828
 Phone: (919) 753-3217



Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference

THEME: DISCIPLESHIP
SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 16:24
June 16-20, 1986
Check in time: Monday, 10 A.M.
Check out time: Friday, 10 A.M.

The time for Christian camping is soon upon us. We want to invite you to make plans to join us at this year's Camp Vandemere Woman's Conference. Our theme will be "DISCIPLESHIP."

Each auxiliary is urged to elect a Woman of the Year and to send her to camp. (Each Woman of the Year will be honored during a special service on Monday night. Women of the Year not present at that time are honored when they come as a Day Camper. If your Woman of the Year can not come to camp, send her letter of recognition and she will be recognized.)

Camp fees are \$55 for the week. Pre-registration is \$10, with \$45 due on arrival. The additional \$5 increase is an activity fee approved by the Camp Vandemere Board for all camp weeks. Send registrations and pre-registration fees to Cathy Crumpler, Route 2, Box 293-A, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Phone (919) 568-3758 if you have any questions.

We hope you can come for the entire week. If not we would love to have you as a Day Camper. We have an exciting program planned with Bible study, music, items of denominational interest, and lots of fun! Missions day will be on Thursday as it has been in the past. We will also have our newest missionary candidates with us on Wednesday evening, Paul and Teresa Grubbs. Come and join in the fellowship of Christian camping.

Hoping to see you in June,
 Cathy Wallace Crumpler, Director/Registrar

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 1986 CAMP VANDEMERE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CHURCH AND CONFERENCE _____

AGE _____ PHONE _____

DAY CAMPERS ONLY

NAME _____

CHURCH AND CONFERENCE _____

DAY PLANNING TO ATTEND M T W TH (circle please)

There's No Room for Flab

Get up and get out of that easy chair! To whom am I speaking? You, of course. It's time for you to flex those spiritual muscles. Are you ready? You're not? Why? Where has your willingness to be instant in season and out of season gone? And lest you forget, this is the time. But for some of us, I must admit, rationalizing the Great Commission has led to spiritual flabbiness.

Some of us say we are too shy. Others claim that religion is a very personal thing and that we should not force our opinions on others. But who said anything about forcing opinions? Witnessing is a way of life; it calls for us to get others to thinking. And then there are those who say that someone else will take care of it—it's not my job. That's no excuse, for we have all been called to be witnesses unto Christ Jesus.

Tired? That's no excuse either, for it is when we realize our limitations (and being tired is definitely a limitation) that we are readier to submit to the Spirit.

And don't say you have other things to do right now. It is my opinion that we find the time to do the things we want to do (we find the money to buy the things we want)—it is God and His work that we usually do not find the time (and money) for.

What does spiritual flabbiness cost? Well, read on . . .

Weeks become months. Months pass into quarters and eventually years. Still, there are no conversions, no additions to the church. The people become content to just sit and listen—totally unmoved by the minister's exhortations "to abound in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). No one witnesses to his neighbors. Only a handful of the congregation attend the weekly prayer meeting. Fewer still are at Bible study—the majority of those who do go are older ladies. The deacons, the men, the Sunday School teachers find other things to be more important. Many feel that they can "worship" just as well somewhere else—on the golf course or at the beach.

Sound familiar? I'm sure it does; this situation is all too familiar for some of us, for many

seem to be suffering from a fatal case of something akin to apathy; but then again, it really resembles a lack of dedication and commitment. What are the symptoms? They can be seen in Romans 7:15, 19—"For that what I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I . . . For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."

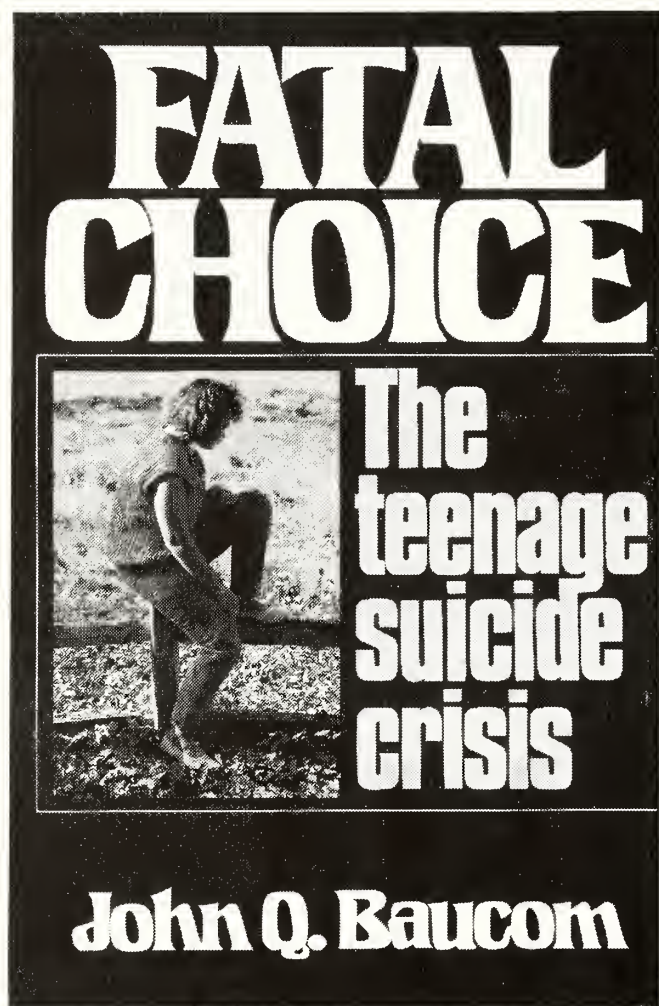
Since Christians come in all shapes and sizes, and since we are a varied lot; there are characteristics about us all that should be similar. Christ should not only be our Saviour, He should be our Lord; we should love others and be consistent with what we "preach." The Gospel writer Matthew speaks of us being "salt," but I must say that many have lost their savor. No longer are we as a body typically "flavor enhancers." This says a lot, for when He reigns, our love pours!

This plague, this apathy, this flabbiness, is haunting us to the extent that denominational leaders are kept awake at night. I must ask where our concern and victory have gone. Have we forgotten that we can live triumphant Christian lives? (That we should?) Maybe some pastors need to realize that they cannot solve their parishioners' problems until they learn to solve their own. If the shepherd is not growing and living in victory, his congregation stands less chance of doing so. He can't expect those he leads to visit if he does not; he can't expect them to go into the fields unless he has shown them how. He must love if they are to know how to love. Pastors often exhort, plead, and beg their members to work—never telling them how. It is time that we all submit to the will of the Lord; it is time that we agree to a marriage of our hearts and lives and lips.

You and I need to realize that we are in a race and that we must finish the course. Our fight will not always be easy, but we have the assurance that "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Yes, there is evil in the world, but we have the advantage; we have God!

Brothers and sisters, we need not quit—we must not.

Let's run the race . . . together.



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Teenage suicide is not a pleasant subject. Neither are the results of shoving it under the rug and hoping the problem will go away.

Approximately 2,000,000 people between the ages of thirteen and nineteen attempt suicide each year, according to the National Youth Suicide Center in Washington, D.C. Of that number, 6,000 will succeed.

Since 1970, suicide has increased from the fifth leading cause of death among teenagers to the second.

John Baucom recognizes this growing epidemic. He blends material from his personal life, academic training, and professional experience to form an educated and spellbinding look at the complex problem.

Fatal Choice is intended for parents, teachers, counselors, or friends of an adolescent. It shows how to respond constructively to any adolescent and to troubled adolescents in particular.

Questions and exercises at the end of each chapter will stimulate thought, reflection, and discussion.

The rise in adolescent suicide necessitates such a book. Read it. Study it. And most important, be responsive to danger signals given off by troubled teenagers.

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PARENTING BY SHOWING: EXCITING-BUT UNNOISY CHRISTIANITY

by Dr. Marti Garlett

The "practice what you preach" maxim is not new. It has been around a long time, at least since 1744 when Dr. John Armstrong penned:

Of right and wrong he taught
Truths as refin'd as ever Athens
heard;
And (strange to tell!) he practic'd
what he preached.

Unannounced Christianity, or Christian modeling, can be very loud indeed. It can have a lasting impact. When we meet someone who demonstrates comfort with his or her own humanness, we long for comfort with ours. Poet Mary Jane Hoberman phrased it accurately: "I know what I feel like; I'd like to be *you*."

Children are silent but very watchful observers of what we do. Their wide eyes seem like windows into their souls—and maybe into ours. Truly, children are "God's spies." Coming in innocence as the "least" of us, children, it could be said, "spy" on what we do. In fact, observing us is the largest part of what children retain about acceptable attitudes and behaviors. Whatever they see us doing, they assume is all right for them too. What they see us do is what they will assimilate as important values for their own lives. "As adults, we are simply unaware of the many, many messages we send," writes Charles Galloway. "And sometimes it's what we don't do

that counts the most." We may very well be entrapping our children's futures in the experiences we provide for them now.

"Be careful," we admonish our teenager as he or she leaves the house with the car keys. Yet the same teen has been our passenger for years when we have exceeded the speed limit or crept through stop signs without coming to a complete halt, when we have railed aloud at the antics of a passing motorist who annoyed us, and when we have maybe even taken unjustified risks with the entire family's lives in our urge to "get" someplace. Which message will be retained, the verbal or the nonverbal?

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The verse "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6, *NIV*) is the Scripture most frequently cited as backup for whatever edicts we hand down to children.

God provided Jesus as the conjunction between His words (i.e., "I love you") and His deeds (i.e., "here's my Son to prove it"). Christ is the archetype of training, the standard, the ideal. Through His Son, God answered the question of what training is: It is modeling. Jesus underscored all that He said, making His words one long italicized proclamation. It is unlikely we would marvel at His words if He had not so perfectly used His actions as conviction. What captivates our attention is the fact that He did not so much talk about an amazing life as live one. Taking ordinary people as His closest friends, going to the homes of despised people and eating with them, dying on a Cross like a common thief when He literally had all the power in the world to save Himself—these are the actions from Christ's life that make us sit up and take notice. Through Christ's astonishing messages in motion we are enabled to learn.

Jesus is our model for modeling.

When we examine His life as a human being, the first characteristic we see is Jesus' spontaneity. He was not tied to traditional ways of doing things. He was not concerned with impressing others. He washed the disciples' feet instead of having them wash His, even though He was their master. He struck up a forbidden conversation with a Samaritan woman at a well. His close friendships included several women, a shocking defiance of the conventions of his

day. He had the ability to be spontaneous and at ease in a variety of situations.

A second characteristic is Jesus' respect for diversity. He demonstrated freedom from prejudice and jealousy. He surrounded Himself with all manner of people—respectable women, "fallen" women, lepers, detested tax collectors, rich men, poor men, working men, indigent men. He befriended Jews and Gentiles alike, no matter their class, no matter their background. By being "better" than no one, He modeled acceptance of us all.

Third, we can see Christ's sense of humor and His ability to enjoy Himself. His parables contained "humorous" illustrations: a camel going through the eye of a needle, tax collectors getting into Heaven ahead of priests. Jesus was a very social man who enjoyed being in the company of people so much throughout His life that His enemies accused Him of being a drunkard and a glutton (Matthew 11:19). Until Jesus changed the image, the pattern of social denial chosen by John the Baptist had been the standard by which religious devotion was judged.

Through a fourth characteristic, we discover Jesus' recognition of the need for privacy, for solitude, for opportunities to be by Himself and see His life from a contemplative perspective. This, too, must be a model for full humanness, since it was important to Christ. The Gospel of Mark, for example, records twelve separate times when Jesus chose to get away by Himself. Anne Morrow Lindberg said of solitude that "there is a quality to being alone that is incredibly precious. Life rushes back into the void, richer, more vivid, fuller than

before . . . you are whole again, complete and round—more whole, even, than before, when other people had pieces of you." Jesus modeled what she was talking about.

Jesus was creative. His inventiveness is a fifth characteristic. Nearly everything He did spoke to His fascinating aptitude for coming up with new ways of doing things. Why press grapes when water can become wine? Why pack sack lunches when two fish and five loaves will feed thousands? Why live like a rich ruler when there is simple joy in planing wood in a carpenter's shop? Why *tell* people who you are when you can let them *see* it? There is no doubt that Jesus' imagination was active and delightful. Scripture is replete with accounts of it.

Despite Jesus' creative approach to problem solving, He respected life's complexities and did not intimate there are simple solutions to difficult questions. This is a sixth characteristic He modeled throughout His life. There are no neat categories for fitting things into. Life is not a matter of following a set of prescribed rules—this makes you right, that makes you wrong. Peter, a beloved disciple, crumpled under stress and denied he even knew Jesus, much less that they were friends. Peter, the Rock, was weak and faithless. Yet Jesus reinstated Peter. It was not a situation which could be viewed in simple black and white terms: Now you're good, now you're bad.

The parable illustrates a seventh fascinating aspect of Jesus' human character too; He was a marvelous storyteller. His goal for us was to learn from the stories, of course, but that did not lessen His enjoyment in their telling.

He seemed to delight in the act of teaching as much as He looked forward to its outcome.

As parents, focusing on Christ, we can utilize the resources of our model. He is the backbone, the giver of energy and sustainer of commitment, the role model for role modeling.

How can I be a model?

We have looked at seven important qualities of Jesus that serve as our model for modeling. Understanding and knowing these qualities is important; it is equally important to see how they can stretch into actual family settings where they will contribute to our children's lives.

Jesus modeled spontaneity.

You can model spontaneity to your children by stopping the car along the roadside if you spy a deer, or to climb a ridge just to discover what's on the other side. You can drive down a dirt road off the beaten path in order to satisfy your children's curiosity about where it goes. You can stand in the backyard with your children, marveling together at magnificent cloud patterns. You can get up and go to the end of the porch to devour the glory of a sunset with your child, as my son suggested I do one night. "Come here, Mom," he said. "I want to show you something." I'm so glad I didn't say, "In a minute, Kyle." The sunset would have been gone by then. And if a child, expecting to elicit a promise for the future, says, "Hey, wouldn't it be fun to make chocolate chip cookies [or popcorn or something else delicious]?" You have an opportunity to do something wonderful. You have an opportunity to say, "It sure would. Let's do it *right now*, shall we?"

Jesus modeled an appreciation for diversity.

In part parents are given the gift of years in order to expose their children to all the variety available in the world. We must not involve ourselves and our children only in sports or music or some other single experience. We should go as a family to sporting events, to orchestras and even to operas, to jazz concerts and other musical "happenings," to legitimate (or live) theater performances, to museums and zoos and amusement parks. We should go to botanical gardens, walk in forests, go on picnics and eat in restaurants. We should camp sometimes and other times stay in motels, alternately visit cities and farms. We should marvel at wheat fields and architectural wonders. We should taste ethnic foods, invite guests into our home, and walk in neighborhoods that contain the rhythm of tongues other than our own. We should read aloud books that represent many authors and many styles, including fantasy, mystery, humor and poetry. I haven't even begun to tap all the things parents can do with their children to model an appreciation for diversity. What an adventure Christ modeled for us!

Jesus modeled a sense of humor.

Let's qualify right now what we mean by a sense of humor. It is not having an arsenal of stand-up jokes. It is not being a comedian. It is, instead, an ability not to take ourselves too seriously, to look at situations as being slightly humorous and sometimes even bizarre. It is best characterized by having a lightness of touch. It is what keeps us from being depressed by events that we can't control.

It also shows children that we not only love them, we actually like them. They discover through us that they are enjoyable humans. We show them that being with them is a pleasure, that their presence keeps us from being stodgy adults. Some of the demonstrations of this are found in an ability to laugh at ourselves in front of our children, to chuckle at our own foibles and malapropisms.

We should share incidents from our own childhood, and we should invest a great deal of energy into creating some special, humorous memories for them to take from their childhoods. Memories are such an important part of family life! We can play games (like charades) that lend themselves to hilarity, we can affix notes under the toilet seat lid, and if we are, say, in the midst of a musical disagreement with our children (their music vs. ours), we can hook up a timer to a tape recorder that is set to blare "our" music loudly into our children's bedrooms in the middle of the night. Finding times to be human and real and to laugh together builds marvelous ties that bind. And if our children get back at us for doing something like this, we had better remember to keep hold of that sense of humor.

Jesus modeled the benefits of solitude.

There are two parts to this that parents need to understand. One of them is providing a private place that is inviolable where children can go, knowing it is theirs and theirs alone. This might be a room of their own that no one else can enter without first requesting permission, or it might be another type of getaway. It might, for instance, be a bean bag chair behind a screen in the

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basement, or it might be a carpeted place under a blanket draped over two chairs, or (as it was in our son Marc's case) it might be a three-legged stool tucked in the backyard between a thick bush and a high wooden fence.

The second part is particularly important for families with two or more children, but even those with an only child must not be overlooked. Every child needs a one-on-one time with each parent. These private moments can be arranged through a weekly lunch date (pick them up at school and take them out to lunch with you, as you would any other luncheon partner) or even a time of playing basketball together on the driveway. It can be just the two of you cooking, or whatever it is that both of you find especially enjoyable. But structure these one-on-one times, and leave the agenda open-ended. As your relationship grows, trust will develop and communication will begin to flourish naturally, but please don't force it. Just be available and consistent in your commitment to your child.

Jesus modeled joy in creativity.

Celebrating together can be a marvelous avenue for family ingenuity. In our family, we have a long-time tradition of sitting on the floor for a picnic under the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. The menu is simple: hamburgers and egg nog, with (What else?) angel food cake for dessert. This picnic is a time of carol singing and laughter and, most importantly, of recognizing the Christ Child. Indeed, we call it our birthday party for Jesus. It always ends with the traditional singing of "Happy birthday, dear Jesus, happy birthday to you!" Even when there

are no young children in the family, this annual celebration, now in its third generation, has endured.

Another family I know models joy in creativity by "dressing" for dinner on Sunday evening throughout the wintertime, using good china and crystal and generally making every Sunday evening a special event in their home. Another sets Sunday evening aside for salami, cheese, fruit and game-playing. There is joy and closeness to be found in creating unique family times. Find a way to fit such times into your family schedule.

Jesus modeled a respect for complexity.

One brother wants to play ball, the other wants to read a book. One sister busies herself with dreams and dolls, the other with the telephone. Family misunderstandings constantly arise out of finger-pointing and scorn for another's behavior. Who is a "wimp," and who is macho? Who is a "nerd," and who is cool and classy? Much of the energy of parenting is drained away through helping the siblings within a family understand what each other's inner world holds. Parents, like Christ, must over and over demonstrate that there is much more going on than what is seen on the surface, that human beings are complex and multifaceted, that if someone wants to be left alone right now, he or she might very well be ready to be companionable later. It is all right to be different from other people, and even different from what you yourself ordinarily are.

No easy judgments can be made, because difficult issues don't lend themselves to simple, pat answers. Parents, in

this regard, must be very aware of what they, too, say at home about the behavior of others. Feelings are not wrong, so feeling frustrated with someone at church or at work has no morality attached to it. But if we start acting on those frustrations, even though in the privacy of our homes, we can be certain our children will too. Critical, condemning children often learn their lack of tolerance by listening to it at home. Christ, of course, modeled just the opposite.

Jesus modeled a delight in the act of teaching.

Helping our children with homework, or with the best way to mend a shirt, or with how to hold a golf club, need not be a chore. In fact, it should be a delight. Even if they never become very proficient at what we are helping to teach them, our children can gain much, and so can we, by the time we spend together. Sometimes when one of my children says, "You don't have to help me with my paper, Mom," I say, "But I want to!" Then, of course, I'm obliged to couple my actions with my words and behave in ways compatible with saying, "I want to." I have to act like it's fun, and you know what? The more I act like it's fun, the more fun it actually becomes. When the children were small, I read aloud to them in the car to keep them occupied on long trips.

As the years went by and they became capable of occupying themselves, I found none of us really wanted to give up these reading aloud times, me least of all. So today, with my sons eighteen and fourteen, I still read aloud as we travel. This past summer we all absorbed Harper Lee's classic story, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

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IF HE ASKS FOR A SCORPION

by Stan Mooneyham

In the church service we had turned to the grand old hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart." As we sang it together, I could feel quietness and strength seeping into my bones. Then we came to a line that jolted me. I had sung it often, but had never really thought about it: "Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer."

Unanswered prayer?

What did the songwriter mean? What did I mean as I sang it?

You see, it is my conviction that no prayer prayed in the name of Jesus is unanswered. It may not be answered as I think it should or in the manner I carefully outline for God, but that doesn't mean it isn't answered.

Maybe the words were telling me that if I just hang in long enough, I can get my own way, self-destructive as it may turn out to be. They seem to suggest that if we are fervent enough, persistent enough, God will sooner or later throw up His hands and say, "Okay, you got it—and shut the door on your way out!"

Now there may be that kind of prayer, but, if so, it's not the kind of praying I want to do or the kind of answer I want to receive.

I am wary of that approach because of what I pray in the Lord's Prayer. We can start with "Our Father . . ." Why is it, then, that having freely approached God as Father, we suppose He will not act like a father when we tell Him what we want?

Many a father's heart has been saddened by having to refuse his child a gift on which the child's heart is set. It may be because the father is out of work and cannot afford the gift (certainly not a problem with God). Or maybe the child is still too young for the gift desired.

The father, being wiser than the child, less self-centered, knows what the child does not know. His refusal to say yes is a caring, not an uncaring act. Given the circumstances and the consequences, "No" or "Not yet" may be a more loving answer than "Yes." I know from my own experience as a parent that it is sometimes more painful to refuse a request than to grant it. It isn't giving in that most severely tests parenthood, but holding back.

A parent naturally wants the best for his child. How much more does God. Remember how Jesus illustrated the character of God: "What father among you, if his son asks for a

fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father . . .?" (Luke 11:11-13, RSV).

And would not the reverse also be true? What father, if his sons asks for a serpent, will not give him a fish instead? Or if he asks for a scorpion, will not give him an egg? How much more will our Heavenly Father?

Our impatience comes when we do not recognize what is for our ultimate good. God's version of a fish or an egg may look less attractive than our image of a serpent or a scorpion. Our vision is limited. Our judgment is flawed. Our wants tend to be selfish ones because we live in the "right now." If we get something that looks the way we suppose a good thing should look, we are satisfied and say, "Praise the Lord, my prayer was answered!"

Is God impressed by our fist-pounding and heel-kicking tantrums even when we try to dignify them by calling them prayers? Hardly. Not even you or I would be impressed.

Perhaps that is why, in the Lord's Prayer, we don't get very far from "Our Father" until we get to "Thy will be done." Prayer is not just a list of "gimmes" from a child sitting on the lap of a cosmic Santa Claus. It is communication with One who is wisdom and love. The cattle on a thousand hills are His, but I come to Him in prayer not so much for a few head of cattle as to be reassured that He is there—and here—and that He cares about what happens to me. His hand is more important than what's in it. God is more than a heavenly piñata from which, if I pound hard enough, goodies will drop out.

There is another verse about prayer that I often have reason to recall: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14). I think we have paid more attention to the "anything" than to the "in my name." The latter does not just validate a request by being tacked on at the end, but represents a whole way of looking at life.

Can we honestly pray in Jesus' name and at the same time, like a spoiled child, insist on our own way? And does there not come a point in our praying when asking must stop and accepting begin?

Many of my prayers have not been answered as I thought they should have been.

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Thank God for that! Joseph, in the pit, must have prayed for deliverance. On the way into slavery, he may have sighed, "God did not answer. Lord, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer." But God, seeing down the dusty road to Egypt and beyond, was building an answer beyond all that Joseph could imagine.

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME, O LORD

by Stan Mooneyham

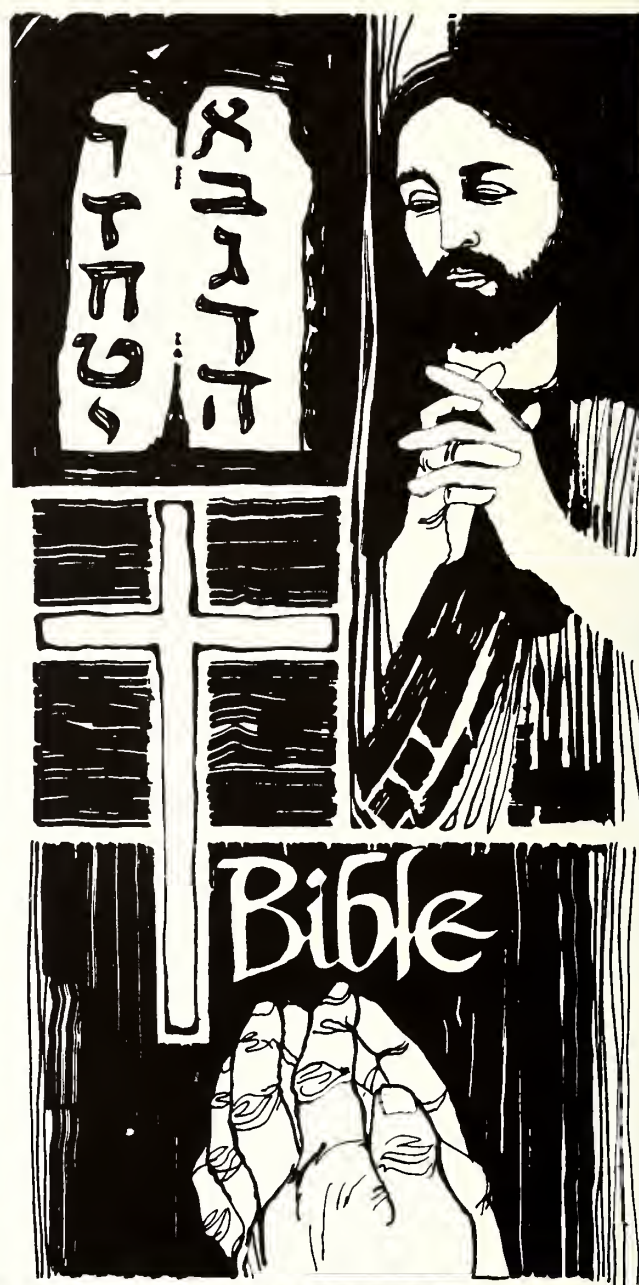
When we evangelicals sing these words to confess we are "standing in the need of prayer," it is a personal and therapeutic admission. But today's concentration upon "me" has gone far beyond humility. We evangelicals these days seem to be interested not so much in confessing as in possessing. We have become too introspective for our own—or anybody else's—good.

Not many years ago Christians were distressed by the "me generation"—those people, mostly young, whose only concern was themselves. If it felt good, it was good (no matter how it made someone else feel). "What's in it for me?" was the one question worth asking.

After that era—and growing out of it—something called self-awareness came along. "Self-absorption" might be a better name for it. The idea was to look within oneself, be "open," be "natural," "let it all hang out," and then one would be "fulfilled" and problems would disappear. The *process* of experiencing was thought to be more important than *what* one was experiencing. One of the key words was "interiorizing." Scores of self-help books, courses, and large and small groups emerged.

If all this had stayed in "the world"—the world which Christians *expect* to be self-centered—there would be little reason for surprise. But like so many trends, fads and foibles that evangelicals tend to legitimize about 20 years later, we gradually developed our own brand of me-ness.

Tune around the Christian radio dial and listen to what is being offered. Watch religious television. Interiorizing is going on all over the place. We are told how to be more successful, more powerful, better liked, how to make more money, how to cope with guilt, loneliness, divorce, singleness, ill health, old age, middle age, youth. Look through the religious magazines and see the books that are being advertised. Immediacy and introspection predominate. Such books are advertised



because that is what evangelicals are buying. We are buying because it is what a lot of us are interested in. Listen to our gospel songs; is "self-centered" too strong an adjective? We are well into our own me-generation.

Success is better than failure—but whose measuring stick are we using, and how long is it? Coping is better than not coping, but we do not cope in a vacuum. No Christian is an island. We are bound up with neighbors, as Jesus dramatically made clear in the parable of the Good Samaritan. We live in communities and nations and hemispheres and in a world. I doubt that it is possible to cope individually or without considering those with whom we have relationships in the body of Christ.



A tribe in East Africa may understand this better than most of us. When the first greeting of the day is exchanged, one person asks another, "Are you well?" The response is, "I am well if you are." Among this group, individual well-being is not possible apart from the wholeness of the community.

This seems to be closer to what Jesus taught than most of what is being practised by His followers today.

We're accepting the wrong things as evidence of achievement. "Faith is the evidence of things *not* seen." We have become less inquisitive and more acquisitive. "Supposing that gain is godliness," we aim for gain (1 Timothy 6:5). Believing that someday we shall reign with Him, many of us are in no mood to wait. But a quick look at 2 Timothy 2:12 will tell us the correct order of events on that one: "*If we suffer*, we shall also reign with Him."

Christ is passing out no kingships now, only crosses. Christ teaches us how to give more, not how to get more; how to suffer, not how to escape; the importance of sharing, not the necessity for hoarding; how to be a servant, not how to demand special privilege; how to handle a towel, not a scepter.

In a sense, "me" is the place where things must begin: "Just as *I* am, without one plea,

but that Thy blood was shed for *me*." But it shouldn't end there. How many times a day do we have to check our spiritual blood pressure?

Me-ism is eloquently summarized in a television commercial featuring Billie Jean King, who is advertising a brand of vitamins. She could as well be promoting some of the current brands of evangelicalism when she concludes her endorsement: "... because you can never do enough for yourself."

Then there's Chester Bitterman, the Wycliffe translator taken hostage in Colombia and murdered when his organization would not pay ransom for his release. Bernie May, Wycliffe's U.S. director, soliciting prayer for Chester shortly before his body was found, wrote: "Chet knew when he joined Wycliffe that it was risky business. But following Christ is always that—for all of us. It is mandatory as we move from Gethsemane toward Calvary that we know who we are and where we stand when the torches light the garden at midnight."

When we can say, "*Use me, Lord—use even me,*" that's a me-generation worth belonging to.

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CHRISTIAN CAMPING: THE SUMMER ALTERNATIVE

by Janie Sowers

Just where does Christian camping fit into a church program? EVERYWHERE! How can a camp located many miles from your steeple be a significant influence on every member of your church! MIGHTILY!

The local church is the heart of God's work. There are countless forms of the local church's ministry (such as youth groups, women's groups, men's groups, fellowships, and senior adults groups). But without a good relationship with the local church, their efforts are in vain! Imagine bringing the gospel to a camper, challenging him to grow in his relationship to Christ, then sending him home to a local church unwilling to acknowledge the effect the camp experience has on the parishioner. The newly sown seed soon withers and dies. Without nourishment from the local church, the camp experience was wasted. Why would a church turn a cold shoulder to such a valuable asset to its ministry? That's not a new question—nor is it a new problem. Could it be that in our zeal to build up the church that we become jealous of any "outside" spiritual influence? Surely high average attendance totals aren't such an obsession as to downplay any attempts to promote one of those outside influences. Or is it?

The church is made up of the Lord's people. Surely then, we should utilize every opportunity that comes our way to build up those people. And one of the strongest extensions is the Christian camping experience, especially for young people.

I for one know of many contributions which Christian camping has made to our denomination. From Cragmont have come many ministers, church leaders, and missionaries. Many a young person and adult have met Christ for the first time on the side of Mount Allen; countless others have committed their lives to His lordship.

And what responsibility does the church have for the promotion of Cragmont, for supporting it? Well, what responsibility does the right arm have to the left? None. . . if it wants to go through life working alone to pull the load. But if it really wants to go forward, it will welcome the helping hand which Cragmont extends.

CRAGMONT CALENDAR 1986

Many times parents do not know who to contact to get their child registered for a week of camp. We have listed here the weeks of camps that are available. Also provided are the name and address of the person you need to contact to register for a particular week. If for some reason you have any questions regarding a week, you should contact this person listed.

General Youth Conference	June 16-21
Rick Watson, Registrar Route 3, Box 142-AA Kenly, NC 27542	

Christian Cadet Conference
Bobby Taylor, Director-Registrar Route 2, Box 40-A Middlesex, NC 27557

Youth Frontier Conference (YFA)	June 30-July 5
Scott and Janie Sowers, Directors-Registrars Route 1, Box 106-B Farmville, NC 27828	

Youth Frontier Conference (AFC)	July 8-13
Doug Skinner, Director-Registrar Box 117 Arapahoe, NC 28510	

General Youth Conference II	July 14-19
Adrian Grubbs, Director-Registrar Route 1, Box 72-A Deep Run, NC 28525	

Ministers' Conference	July 21-26
Calvin Heath, Registrar Route 5, Box 369 Mount Olive, NC 28365	

Young People's Bible Conference	July 29-Aug. 2
James Gurganus, Director-Registrar Route 3, Box 64 Newport, NC 28570	

Woman's Auxiliary Conference I	August 4-9
Mrs. Alice Barrow, Registrar Route 2, Box 375 Snow Hill, NC 28580	

Woman's Auxiliary Conference II	August 11-16
Mrs. Alice Barrow, Registrar Route 2, Box 375 Snow Hill, NC 28580	

THE DREAM BECOMES REALITY

by Patti O'Donoghue

Mount Olive College awarded its first baccalaureate degrees on May 10, in College Hall. The 125 graduates made up the largest graduating class in the history of the College, with 49 candidates receiving baccalaureate degrees and 76 receiving associate degrees.

The Honorable James B. Hunt, former governor of North Carolina, gave the commencement address. Speaking to the approximately 1,300 in attendance, he said that "Mount Olive College is modern-day proof that God is at work in our world." (And he is right!)

Alumni joined together in a reserved section. The College had issued special invitations to all former students to be part of the historic occasion.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, who has been president of Mount Olive since 1954, set the tone of the day's events and commented on the significance of the day:

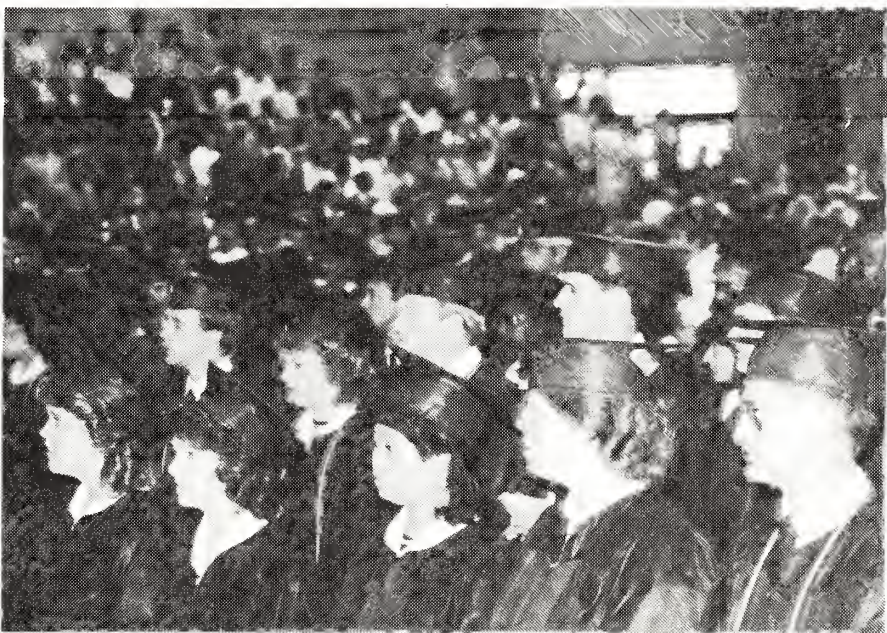
This is indeed an hour of history. In a few moments, the music of the Brass Quintet of the North Carolina Symphony will sound, and the first baccalaureate degrees will be carried from this place.

How do we measure today?

Our goal must be more than the awarding and receiving of academic degrees, whether associate or baccalaureate.

The measure of today will not be in what has been done in this hour but by what you graduates will do after you leave this campus. The real report of our first baccalaureate graduation will not appear in the papers tomorrow morning, but in the quality of work you do in your places of employment, and in the kind of persons you become.

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TEACHING DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP

This is a new idea and program we offer to you. It works! The Field Secretary will come to your church, perhaps on a Wednesday night, and actually teach a lesson. In the process, he will demonstrate a great variety of teaching methods. Its purpose is to have teachers observe some effective teaching methods and be better enabled to use them.

The outline for the workshop is as follows.

First, the lesson is presented. It takes 45 to 60 minutes. After this, those who are not teachers and officers, if they so desire, are dismissed.

Second, the teaching methods which were demonstrated are identified and discussed in detail. This also takes 45 to 60 minutes.

This is a quick and effective way to expose teachers to successful and diverse teaching methods.

If you would like to schedule this workshop, call or write the Field Secretary (Bass Mitchell, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530; phone 734-8378).

COURSES TAUGHT

During April and May, the Field Secretary taught the two courses in the Basic Teacher Certificate Program at Pamlico Technical College. Twenty-three persons were enrolled in the classes.

DO YOU HAVE ONE?

Do you have an outstanding teacher in your Sunday School? Why not recognize him or her? Nominate this person to be Teacher of the Year!

This is a new program offered by the State Sunday School Convention. It was introduced at the last meeting of the Convention.

It's easy. Just write to me and I will send you all the forms and information you need.

Get the forms and complete them soon. The deadline for getting them in is December 1st!

The first award will be presented at the March, 1987, meeting of the Sunday School Convention.

TRAINING RESOURCES

One of the best things you can do for your Sunday School officers and teachers is to get some quality books for them to read. Fortunately, some great ones are available from the Field Secretary. They are listed below.

PRESCHOOLERS:

Understanding Today's Preschoolers

How to Guide Preschoolers

Teaching Preschoolers

Teaching and Learning With Young Children

GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN:

Understanding Today's Children

How to Guide Children

Teaching and Learning With Early Elementary Children

Teaching and Learning With Older Elementary Children

YOUTH:

Understanding Today's Youth

How to Guide Youth

Knowing and Helping Youth

The Church's Ministry With Senior Highs

ADULTS:

Understanding Today's Adults

How to Guide Adults

Learning Is Change: Adult Education in the Church

FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND PASTORS:

A Growing Church School

Building An Effective Church School

The Care and Feeding of Volunteers

The Superintendent Plans His Work

Basic Sunday School Work

The Big Little School

We recommend that churches purchase the books they need and place them in their church library. They will be available to teachers and officers now and in the future.

CONVENTION COMMENTS

Our Convention was held in March at Stoney Creek Church. The theme was "Care and Grow Through Teaching." The following are some of the comments made about it.

CARING FOR CHILDREN WORKSHOP

"I learned a lot about how to get to know the children and how to make the class time less boring."

"I was pleased with the way he showed how we can help each child on a personal basis."

CARING FOR YOUTH WORKSHOP

"I was pleased by her enthusiastic presentation and down-to-earth approach . . . we needed more class time."

"Please keep right on having these seminars. I'm very pleased. Thank you so much. Very helpful."

CARING FOR ADULTS WORKSHOP

"I was pleased by Gary's presentation and the input of the class."

"I learned that I should care more, and show that I care and love my class members . . ."

PROBLEM-SOLVING SEMINAR

"I learned that I'm not the only one with problems . . . and some new ways to deal with them."

"I was pleased by the way the material was presented, and how it was related to almost every church."

Many other comments and suggestions were made. We will take these into consideration in planning future programs.

HANDBOOK BEING REVISED

Several years ago the Sunday School Convention drafted and published a *Sunday School Handbook*. It contains a great deal of helpful information on improving the Sunday School. The Field Secretary is in the process of updating and revising it. It will be a useful resource for pastors, superintendents, and Sunday School councils. When completed, it will be published and made available to our churches.

**FWB STUDENTS
RECOGNIZED FOR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Awards Dinner and the Honors Banquet are held each spring at Mount Olive College. These events offer an opportunity for the College to thank students for a "job well done!" Free Will Baptists are among the students who were recognized for their accomplishments during the academic year.

Awards Dinner

Those receiving certificates at the Awards Dinners for outstanding achievement and service to the College were: Michael Hodges of Vanceboro, Juniper Chapel Church in Craven County, the Chemistry Award and the Henderson Science Club Award (for promise in the field of science); Kelvin Coates of Goldsboro, May's Chapel Church in Wayne County, the Henderson Science Club Award (for research in science); Joseph Ard of Pink Hill, Christian Chapel Church in Lenoir County, and Roger Keith Davis, Deep Run Church in Lenoir County, Ministerial Award; Tim Mills of Greenville, Memorial Chapel Church at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Art Award (for service as past president of the Art Club); and Leigh Culbreth of Goldsboro, Stoney Creek Church in Wayne County, the Sophia H. Potts English Award.

Also recognized were: Pandora Register Tyndall of Dunn, Shady Grove Church in Sampson County, M. L. Johnson Business Award; Victor Jones of Ernul, New Haven Church in Craven County, Claude Hunter Moore, History Award; Chuck Maddrey of Wilson, Daniels Chapel Church in Wilson County, Most Outstanding Male Intramural Athlete Award; and Oliver Godwin of Dunn, Shady

Grove Church in Sampson County, Student Government Association Award (for service as treasurer).

Franklin Baggett of Jacksonville, Daly's Chapel Church in Lenoir County, was installed as vice president of the Student Government Association.

Honors Banquet

The Honors Program is designed to provide special recognition to outstanding scholastic achievers. These honors scholarship recipients work on projects during the year which enable them to pursue individual interests in addition to their regular academic program.

Michael Hodges of Vanceboro, Juniper Chapel Church in Craven County, was winner of the Research Award. Hodges won the award last year, also.

Others receiving certificates for successful completion of their honors projects were: Richard Mileski of Goldsboro, Rains Crossroads Church in Johnston County; Kelvin Coates of Goldsboro, Michael A. Overman of Dudley, both of May's Chapel Church in Wayne County; Norma Reardon of Mount Olive, Snow Hill Church in Duplin County; Judy Tyndall of Dudley, Junie Harper of Albertson, Tanya Newson of Deep Run, all of Piney Grove



Ministerial Award Winner—Joseph Ard of Pink Hill, left, receives a Ministerial Scholarship Award from Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the department of religion and philosophy. The award is given to Free Will Baptist ministerial students who have good academic records and show promise of effective ministry. The award is sponsored by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association (photo by Patti O'Donoghue). Roger Keith Davis, who shares the award, is not pictured.



Honors Project Winner—Michael Hodges of Vanceboro, right, accepts the Research Award from science professor Lorelle F. Martin, his honors advisor. Hodges did a series of experiments to determine the effects of age on the learning ability of mice. This is the second year that he has won the award (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

Church in Duplin County; Tammy Marshburn and Beverly Rouse of Beulaville, both of Mount Zion Church in Onslow County; and Kimberly G. Anderson of Pink Hill, Christian Chapel Church in Lenoir County.

Also recognized for their honors project were: Pandora Register Tyndall of Dunn, Shady Grove Church in Sampson County; Victor T. Jones of Ernul, New Haven Church in Craven County; Lori Elks of Grifton, Elm Grove Church in Pitt County; and Anthony Sawyer of Columbia, Sound Side Church in Tyrrell County; Lisa Godwin of Wilson, Daniel's Chapel Church in Wilson County; Wanda Jones of Pine Level, Pine Level Church in Johnston County; Franklin Baggett of Jacksonville, Daly's Chapel Church in Lenoir County; and

Debbie Outlaw of Mount Olive, Rooty Branch Church in Duplin County.

SPORTS CAMPS SCHEDULED THIS SUMMER

Mount Olive College is offering three sports camps this summer. The top-notch facilities of College Hall assure that our young people will be able to participate in modern, comfortable surroundings.

Men's Basketball Camp, June 23-27, for ages 12 through 18 (rising seniors)

Women's Basketball Camp, July 6-11, for ages 12 through 18 (rising seniors)

Baseball Camp, July 13-18, for ages 9 through 18 (rising seniors)

Participants in all the camps will receive t-shirts. Cost for the camps is \$100 for day campers and \$150 for boarding campers.

For more information and registration forms contact the Mount Olive College Athletic Department, College Hall, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919/658-2502).

MOUNT OLIVE SUMMER SCHOOL Session B June 23-July 25

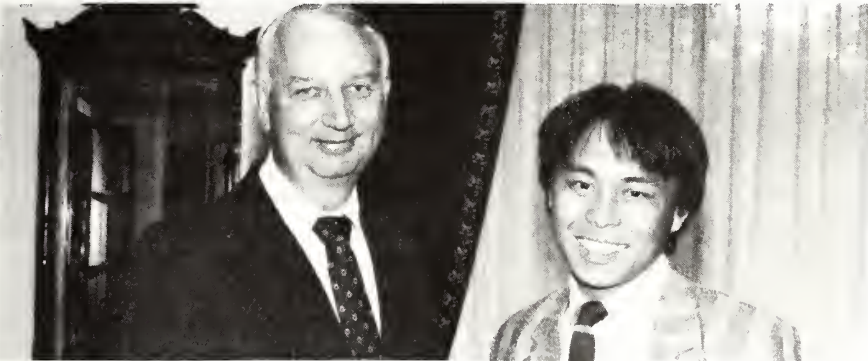
Summer school is open to Mount Olive College students, school teachers, students from other colleges and universities, and high school graduates wishing to accelerate their college program. Credits earned at Mount Olive's Summer School may be transferred to other institutions.

The five-week session offers students the opportunity to complete six (6) semester credit hours. Classes will meet Monday through Friday for one and one-half hours. Registration will take place the first day of class. The last day to add a class will be June 25.

Courses to be offered include Taxes, Principles of Biology, Introduction to Business, Introduction to Data Processing, Economics II, English Composition I, Public Speaking, Western Civilization I and II, American History, American History I, United States (1900-1929), Intermediate Algebra, and Structures of Math.

Other courses being offered include College Algebra, Trigonometry, Principles of Management, Marketing, Canoeing, Racquetball, American Government, Introduction to Psychology, Developmental Psychology and New Testament.

For further information contact the Admissions Office, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919/658-2502).



H'mong Students to Play Soccer—The Rev. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College chaplain, left, and Blong "Kevin" Moua, pause after Kevin signed as a player for the new Trojan soccer team.

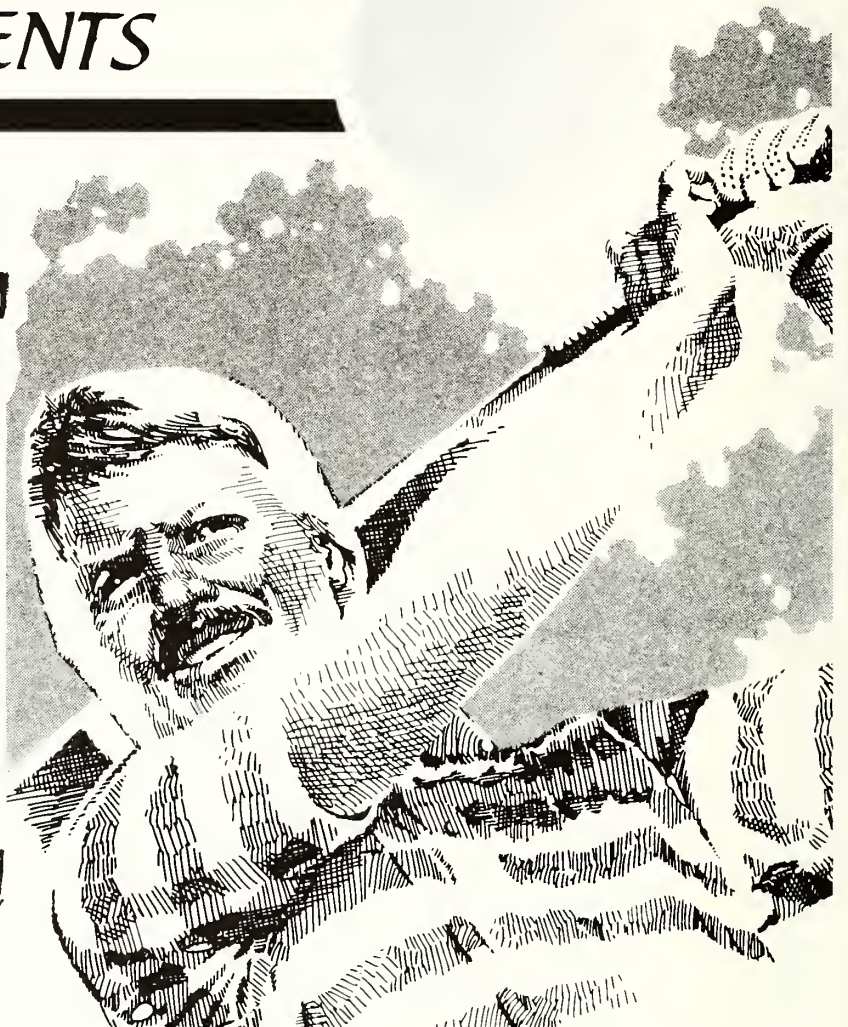


TouBee Yang also signed to play soccer. Witnessing TouBee's signing is J. E. Andrews, right, co-director of Grantham Residence Hall.

Kevin and TouBee are Laotian refugees. They came to Mount Olive through the efforts of the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board and the Rev. Bob Harber, Free Will Baptist missionary to the H'mong people in California. Harrison is advisor to the H'mong students at the College (photos by Patti O'Donoghue and Steve Herring).

CRAGMONT TOURNAMENTS

CRAGMONT SUPERBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT



October 2, 1980, marked the beginning of a new and, although we didn't realize it, exciting event for Cragmont. On that day we held the first Cragmont Superball Golf Tournament. Though support and participation lacked luster, enthusiasm was high.

The 1980 edition featured 26 golfers, offered \$500 in prizes, took in \$150 in contributions, and showed tournament profits of \$280. Seventeen people were present to eat a meal that cost \$150 to have catered. The tournament was beset by cloudy, cool weather conditions which ultimately yielded a chilly late afternoon shower. The atmosphere was more of a Saturday afternoon golf outing than that of a tournament. In spite of the minimal success, the participants expressed much enthusiasm and urged us to make this an annual event. Upon that recommendation, we continued and the tournament has steadily grown far beyond any of our expectations. Steady increases

in sponsorship and player participation resulted in the 1985 edition featuring 190 golfers, \$5,400 in prizes, 320 people present for the meal, \$2,100 in profit and seven young people earning half the cost of a week of camp at Cragmont. The 1986 edition (number 7) is expected to show even greater participation. Because of this, we have expanded the tournament to two days with three different tee times. The tournament will be held on August 14-15 this year and will again be at Happy Valley in Wilson. Your participation and support of this tournament will allow you to see that this is more than recreation. It has developed into a ministry of outreach, witness and awareness. God has worked through this ministry and blessed it far beyond our most courageous dreams of that cool, cloudy October day in 1980 and once again taught us that if we will follow, He will lead us in the path we should go and bless us many times over.

Yes, God can and does work through a golf tournament. Come join us!

CRAGMONT DEFENDER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



Not unlike our first golf tournament, the first of our annual softball tournaments was, at best, inauspicious. Marked with many organizational problems, it pulled only eight teams and profited a very modest \$45 for effort worth much more.

Having learned by our mistakes and having seen the fruits of perseverance through our golf tournament, we were not dismayed. We decided to continue until we got it right. This tournament, too, has steadily increased in support and profit to the point that the 1985 edition was revamped to include a women's tournament and drew a total of 24 teams. An estimated 1500 people (fans and players) were involved last year and more than \$600 in profits were realized. Many of those attending in past years have made many new Free

Will Baptist friends and look forward to the reunion each year.

The 1986 version will be revamped to break teams into three divisions; we will call them men's "A," men's "B," and women's brackets. Bracketing for men will be determined by prior years' finishes, team strength and availability of teams. We hope to have 30 men's teams (all FWB) and 10 women's teams (all FWB). This may well be the Free Will Baptist championship of softball.

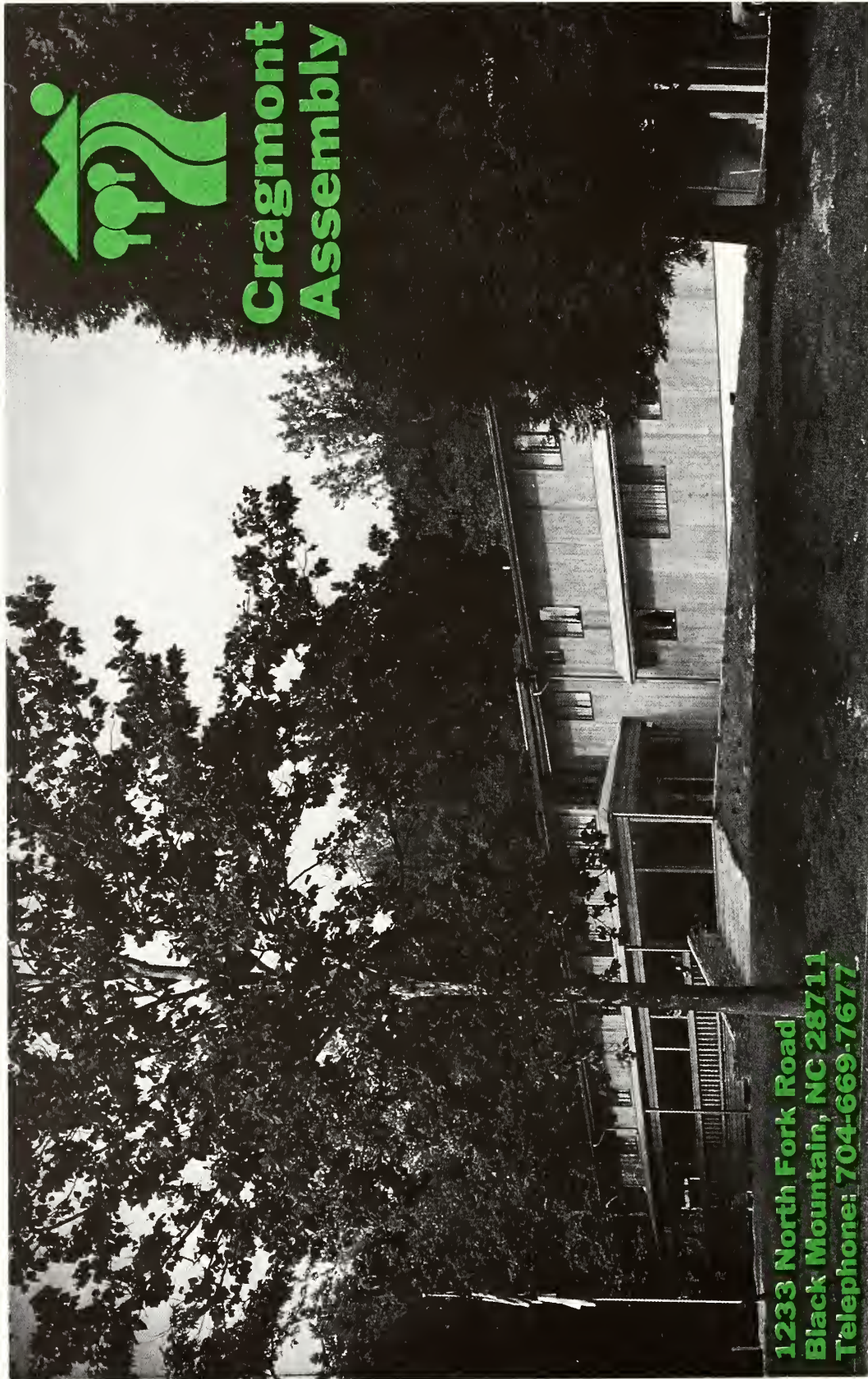
The 1986 edition will be held August 22-23 at Toisnot, in Wilson. We urge your participation and request your presence. A nearby park offers activities for children. For a leisurely event of friendly competition, wholesome family activity and Christian fellowship, come join us!

In General

Growth from small beginnings to major accomplishments is nothing new to the Christian faith or the Free Will Baptist denomination. The Church at large had a small beginning but has continued and strived with success to grow and get better. In our denomination we have seen many institutions—Mount Olive College, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, the Children's Home and Cragmont—come from obscurity to become major influences in our community, state, nation and even our world. None of this has been done without dedication of the most humble Christian

or the most charismatic leader who has understood that his footsteps are to be guided by the ultimate leader, Jesus Christ. It is, therefore, no accident that our tournaments have been and will continue to be successful.

A man of great vision can only see the horizon; God sees far more and will lead us there—if we will follow. We thank all those who have supported, are supporting, and will begin and continue to support us in this and all we try to accomplish for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.



Cragmont Assembly

**1233 North Fork Road
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Telephone: 704-669-7677**

JUNE 1986

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ezra 1-2	2 Ezra 3-5	3 Ezra 6-7	4 Ezra 8-9	5 Ezra 10	6 Neh. 1-3	7 Neh. 4-6
8 Neh. 7-8	9 Neh. 9-10	10 Neh. 11-12	11 Neh. 13	12 Esther 1-3	13 Esther 4-7	14 Esther 8-10
15 Job 1-4	16 Job 5-8	17 Job 9-12	18 Job 13-16	19 Job 17-20	20 Job 21-24	21 Job 25-29
22 Job 30-33	23 Job 34-37	24 Job 38-40	25 Job 41-42	26 Psalms 1-9	27 Psalms 10-17	28 Psalms 18-22
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June is Cragmont Assembly Month.



**HARRELL'S CHAPEL
AUXILIARY VISITS HOME**

Harrell's Chapel Church bus pulled on campus with an energetic group of ladies and some of the youth who came along for the ride. Some of the ladies had visited before, but all wanted to see the campus and children again. Mr. Roger Sutton, a member of the church, served as bus driver, guide and photographer. After touring the facilities, the ladies prepared refreshments which they had brought to share. Children, visitors and staff enjoyed the delicious food. After cleaning up and giving the children extra refreshments to carry back to their cottages, the ladies were off again to visit in each cottage.

Ladies, thank you for sharing and making Saturday, April 19, a delightful day.



STATE YOUTH CONVENTION PROJECT

This past year the youth of our State Convention accepted as a project the recreational center of the Home.





The renovation began in January, '86, and was completed in May. The renovations included: new lights, drapes, a closet and flooring in the main assembly room. A bathroom and sun shelter were constructed in the pool area. The game room received new lights, drapes and furniture.

We wanted to say a special thank you to the youth of our State Convention from our children, staff and Board. Now we take pride in the Recreation Center and look forward to sharing this facility with our youth and church groups.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO THE REV. JAMES B. HARDEE

During the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors, the Rev. James Hardee was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Board. Making the presentation was Board President, Mrs. Rebecca Davenport, and Vice President, Mr. James W. Cahoon. Mr. Hardee served on the Board of Directors for over 15 years. Many of those years he served as President, providing leadership and a dedication to our child care ministry. Mr. Hardee is pastor of Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, located near Bladenboro, North Carolina.

THE IMPACT OF OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

by Dr. E. M. Lall

The teaching work is a part of the ministry of our church in North India which has been carried on along with the preaching ministry. The educational program of the church consists of Christian and general education. Our schools, despite their handicaps to being efficient institutions, have been preferred by parents and guardians for the education of their children. These institutions not only aim at producing good academic results but also try to maintain a suitable atmosphere for the growth of students' personality and character.

We have 17 elementary schools in the four big districts of our state, with a total enrollment of 1213. We have four of our own school buildings, and three are under construction. In a few places we have hired school buildings; more schools meet in open air. I recently heard from our director, the Rev. Harold Jones, that funds are being raised for six more school buildings.

These schools are the stepping stones of our rural ministry in the most extensive parts of North India. It is

through these schools that we have opportunities to evangelize the non-Christians. Many souls have been saved through these schools and brought to the fold of our Master.

We are making all-out efforts to ensure that a good number of our schools get the recognition of our state government as of July, 1986, so as to stand second to none. Our Matkhera School, where the enrollment is over 200, is being raised to the status of junior high school in July, 1986. This school has recently acquired electric power so evening-hour coaching classes held by the resident teachers for the junior section can begin in July, 1986.

There is a prospect that this school can be raised to high school status in the near future provided we meet the needs of the educational code regarding land and adequate class rooms.

There is growing need for more junior high schools among our institutions so that our students wherever possible may advance from the elementary schools to continue in Christian atmosphere and nurture. We are praying that much good will be delivered to the people through these schools.

The Original Free Will Baptists in America have made a great contribution to education conducted by our church denomination here in India. We often explain in the schools the source of the funds that support our teachers and help pay for our schools. Our teachers and children appreciate this and join with us in conveying thanks to the people concerned with this spiritual and educational welfare.

EASTER 1986

by Willem van der Plas

It may be forgotten already that the Actor of Easter is our risen Lord, blessing our souls with the joy of His resurrection. At 4:30 a.m. we went to Raffols Beach, on the shore of the Sulu Sea. The believers of Canigaran Free Will Baptist Church and San Pedro Free Will Baptist Outreach invited us for the sunrise service and they asked me to bring the message.

When we arrived at the beach we had to wake up the guard. A serene silence surrounded us and we could not even hear the sounds of the waves. The night and nature both kept everybody silent. I repeated the headlines of my message, because it was impossible to read any Scripture or outline notes in this darkness. The people entered the beach garden in small groups and we enjoyed the passing night.

The very first light appeared in the sky, somewhere between us and the horizon, very high. We saw the first changes caused by the sun, although it still was invisible. I compared the sight with our Christian life, searching for Christ while looking too far away. We look just on eye level to a faraway horizon, and doing so we remain in darkness. Christ shows



Himself nearer and in a heavenly way.

We can also look too close and we discover that the darkness overpowers us again, because we look upon ourselves and our fellow men for safety, while we must look further and higher to see the Light. The Light coming from on high is between ourselves and the horizon. There on the beach, the light grew stronger and stronger until we were able to read the Word of God. In the darkness we could only see the shape of the book but the light made it meaningful.

Life and Light belong together as John 1:1-12 teach us; and the first eight verses of Matthew 28 show also that heavenly light and life belong together. Jesus is no longer the humble Servant; He is the Living Son in the fullness of His glory and His power. The Word of the creation day has died but now lives stronger and more victorious than ever before. I see here the fusion of obedience and love which produces the greatest possible energy to rescue a totally lost mankind from sin into everlasting life.

GOD IS MOVING IN THE SOUTH COUNTRY

by Missionary Fred Baker

A few months ago we gave you a report of God's moving in the north country on the island of Palawan. Now let us share with you what God is doing in the southern part of this beautiful island.

Roberto Aguilar and Nerry Peralta launched out to Ingawan in July of 1985. Ingawan is located 52 kilometers, 32 miles, south of Puerto Princesa. This barangay had no evangelical church. Several attempts by other groups to start a church here had failed, with the pastors being stoned

and chased away. We observed carefully. The men of Ingawan did not have time for religion, but the women were interested. As Bible studies were begun, a problem developed. The husbands became jealous of their wives meeting for Bible studies with the two pastors. Through much prayer, God led us to change the male pastors and replace them with a ladies' team. Lilibeth Millano and Nelia Simbajon began their work in Ingawan in November. We have been amazed at God's wisdom. Since November in a barangay that was so difficult, nine have accepted Christ and received baptism. The young people have organized a youth group and have plans to build a small chapel to worship in.

Apo Aporawan is 90 kilometers, 56 miles, south of Puerto. It takes three good hours to reach this barangay. Amorio Lansap and Ariston Pilapil accepted this challenge in July, 1985. For the first week, the residents thought these two strangers were terrorists with the NPA, New People's Army. They were reluctant to believe that they were pastors. Apo Aporawan is within listening distance of the Free Will Baptist radio program over the radio station DYPR. The following week, the Rev. Pio dela Rosa gave greetings over the radio to Pastors Amorio Lansap and Ariston Philapil and to the residents of Apo Aporawan. The people were convinced! The work was begun. Many have accepted Christ and five have been baptized. They have purchased a guitar to use in their services. This barangay also had no evangelical gospel witness. God has changed that for His glory.

One hundred and thirty-five kilometers, 85 miles, south of

Puerto Princesa is a barangay named Abo Abo. It does have one evangelical church. After surveying the size of the barangay and the number of families, it was felt that the Free Will Baptists should start a work there. Pastors Joel dela Rosa and Jerito Saluto have been working in Abo Abo since July, 1985. They have had many trials, but God has been faithful. Six have been baptized. A lot to build the chapel on has been donated. They have a number of Bible studies and a close working relationship with the World Vision Project in Abo Abo.

The latest work to have been opened here is Iraray. This barangay is 160 kilometers, 100 miles, south of Puerto Princesa City. Roberto Aguilar and Nerry Peralta, the team that was pulled out of Ingawan, were sent to this barangay. They arrived at their new work in January, 1986. They already have many Bible studies. The barangay officials have already promised a site for a chapel.

The fields are white unto harvest in the south. All of these teams in the north and south are students at Palawan Bible College. They have graduated with an Associate degree in Biblical Education and are working on their Bachelor's degrees. They are doing a fine job. Pray for them. They live on the cutting edge of the Great Commission.

Oh, that we had a 1,000 more to send out into the harvest fields! Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into the harvest. Let us equip them and support them in prayer and financial needs.

Thank you for your partnership with the Free Will Baptist Church of the Philippines.



WILL YOU HELP US?

by the Rev. Bob Harber

MANY of the H'mong people from Laos and I from Missouri, arrived in Santa Ana, California, about the same time in 1976. I was moving to Southern California to pastor the First General Baptist Church of Santa Ana. The H'mong people were fleeing from communist oppression.

It was not long until the H'mong people began to use our church building for afternoon worship and I began to work with them on a very limited basis.

After leaving the pastorate of the Santa Ana General Baptist Church, I returned to work with the H'mong people at least one week each year. I began to feel the "call" of God to work with them on a full-time basis. This "call" was intensified when Brother Mouage Moua said to me in public discussion, "Pastor, we have lost our homes, our land, our country, now even our families; we have nothing left that we can call our own except our church (not building). Will you help us keep it for our own?"

After a few years the church had grown to three congregations. Then Pastor Wa Lo Lee,

the newly elected president of the now Lao Evangelical Church, asked me, "Pastor Harber, when will you come back to California and help us?" After this, I was convinced that to return to California and work with the H'mong people was God's will for my life. But, how could I? The H'mong people had no way to take care of my physical needs.

After much prayer and searching, I asked both the General Baptist and the Original Free Will Baptist Home Mission Boards to sponsor me in the work with the H'mong. The two Home Mission Boards appointed me as Field Missionary to work with ethnic groups in Southern California, primarily the refugees from Southeast Asia. This appointment was to be through the ministry of the Lao Evangelical Church. Never once, since this appointment, have I ever felt anything other than their complete support. I thank God for their support and their courage to try something different.

Since beginning this work, God has given me a wonderful helpmate, Dollie, who shares

very deeply in this ministry. I was a widower when I moved on the "field" as Field Missionary.

The Lord has blessed this work in a great way. We now have eight church congregations, plus two "house churches," here in California, with a ministry to not only the H'mong, but also the "Kh'mou" and the "Mien" from Laos as well as some Cambodians. We also have contacts and opportunities with groups in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Marion and Charlotte, North Carolina.

We are convinced that this is God's will for our lives by the impression of the Holy Spirit within, the success and opportunities of our work, also by many personal experiences. Experiences such as the time when a teen-age girl came running to me in the churchyard, with tears in her eyes, threw her arms around me and said: "Pastor, I have done bad, I am a bad girl, pray for me, forgive me." We prayed together there in the churchyard for her forgiveness and restoration. H'mong people don't cry much, especially in public. H'mong ladies and teen-age girls don't touch men, much less hug them. I felt both honored and humbled by her expression of love and confidence. The girl had been bad, she had embarrassed her family, hurt a young man and had brought reproach on her church. I was given the opportunity to share in her repentance and restoration. There are many such personal experiences.

All of our experiences are not victorious, some are discouraging. At this present time we are experiencing some frustration and anxiety because we are spread too thin to be really effective. Help us pray about this.

A SENSE OF CALL?

by Dollie A. Harber

IN 1983, I was pretty well grounded in a little town in Arkansas where I had no intentions of ever leaving. My children, grandchildren, my home, and a good job as a teacher made for a pretty smug life.

As comfortable and content as I may have been, God doesn't intend for anyone to get too comfortable in this world. So, you might say, He did a little "shake-up" on my life.

After much prayer and struggle with the decision to leave family, home, and job, I moved to Southern California to join Bob on the mission field.

Keep in mind the cost of living in Southern California. This factor made it necessary for me to work. I had always considered myself to be fairly intelligent, but with the many ways my life was pulled at the time, I had to do some heavy work in the books to pass all the required tests, as well as attend college to get the needed hours for certification.

In addition to my job with the Santa Ana Unified School System as Resource Specialist, I have been teaching the H'mong ladies homemaking, family planning, and tutoring some of the youth in English and History. Some of the H'mong adults also come to me for academic help. Some days I feel like I'm in half a walnut shell coming into the rapids of the river. Then I stop and look up, then I regroup and start again. Then the waters "so to speak" become calm and everything goes okay.

Due to the conflict in our schedules, many times I cannot go with Bob when he goes to the churches in the northern parts of the state. On those weekends,



I can be found working with the H'mong in Santa Ana or helping anywhere I am needed. At present, I am helping Ocean View fill-in in the loss of Brother Seth Harrellson as teacher and song leader, and I'm also working with children in songs and choruses before church.

Of the many experiences that I have had since I came onto the field, I guess there are at least three that would confirm that I'm where God wants me to be. One, the pure unselfish

acceptance of a white female into a culture where no woman is allowed to be any kind of leader. This acceptance was shown by the love shown me when I came on the field. The H'mong people all across the state held wedding feasts with native costumes—also for me—in each city on my first visit to each city. You would have thought I was some kind of royalty. They were very pleased that Bob had a

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helpmate. They accepted me because I was a part of him, and they think he is just about perfect. Sometimes it's frightening the way they believe everything that we tell them. This is very humbling. Two, when Mouchou Mowa and his wife adopted me as their American mother and gave a special place of honor in the baby-naming ceremony (feast) of their first daughter. Third, when I saw the need for my expertise in working with children.

One of the heart-wrenching experiences that I've had was when a nine-year-old girl said that she sure would like to have some cereal and milk like the American kids have. She said that her sister brings milk some times when she comes to visit, but there is no cereal to go with it. They do not consider rice as cereal. Rice to them is like our beans and potatoes.

Another experience was, sitting on the floor in a cold room teaching 6 to 9 year olds American choruses, while Bob spoke to their parents in another room of the nearly bare apartment. We call this a "house church."

Then there was the time when 30 ladies took one step backward when I said, "Let's back up a step, ladies; I've left out a step in my presentation." I was teaching them how to rid their homes of pests.

The skills that God has groomed me with over the years and the great spiritual responsibility that is weighed upon a missionary, make me realize that I must be where God wants me. I believe God had something to do with the timing and the sequence of events that brought me where I am. I thank God for the opportunity to work in His field and I daily count it a blessing.

NEW CHURCH SIGN HELPS BUILD ENDOWMENT



The Verona Church of Verona, North Carolina, purchased the above sign recently, thus enabling the Home Missions Board to receive a percentage of the sale for our General Endowment Fund.

A special agreement with the representative of Stewart Signs has been made with our Home Missions Board whereby we may receive a percentage of all church sign sales made to any Original Free Will Baptist Church. Should your church be interested in a new church sign or bulletin board, you may contact: STEWART CHURCH SIGNS by calling (toll free number) 1-800-237-3928.

FIRM PROVIDES CAR



The Rev. David C. Hansley, Tom and Mina Rains

M and T MOTORS of Pine Level, North Carolina, recently presented the Home Missions Board with a gift of an automobile. Making the presentation was Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rains, owners and operators of M and T MOTORS. The keys were accepted by the Rev. David C. Hansley, director of Home Missions.

This year, M and T MOTORS celebrates its 25th anniversary. The family-owned business has been very successful. Recognizing their help from the Lord, Tom and Mina have not forgotten to share their blessings. For some time M and T MOTORS have provided an automobile for our foreign missionaries while they were on itinerary and now they have provided an automobile for Home Missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Rains are long-time active members of Pine Level Church.

We shall ever be grateful for M and T MOTORS as they provide an automobile for the work and ministry of Home Missions.

Announcing

A Day of Prayer for All Free Will Baptists—Emphasizing Concerts of Prayer as Taught by David Bryant.



Date:

Purpose: To pray for revival,
unity, growth and world outreach.

Place: Eagles Nest

Time: 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



If you long for revival (the fullness of Christ in our church) and for fulfillment (the preaching of the gospel of all people), then we must pray together.

Every Free Will Baptist who can possibly come should. This will be one of the most exciting and fulfilling days of your life.

(Things to bring: Bible and a lawn chair.)

A sandwich lunch will be available at \$2.

How This Day Was Conceived: On June 5, 1984, Frank Ray Harrison and Harold Jones went before the Executive Committee of the State Convention to ask them to lead Free Will Baptists into days of prayer for revival, unity, growth, and world outreach. The Executive Committee agreed and appointed Harold Jones, Frank Ray Harrison and Gary Bailey to serve on the committee to plan and implement these days of prayer. The committee decided to wait until after the 1986 World Missions Conference, with David Bryant, on Concerts of Prayer. This has been a two-year delay, but during this time the stage has been set for receiving what God has for Free Will Baptists. Let us pray together and receive.

Come join us and bring someone with you.

Sponsored by the State Convention Executive Committee.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Saturday, June 7, 1986—Eagles' Nest

Sponsored by Mount Olive College and the State Layman's League Convention

- 9:00- 9:05 A.M.—Silent Prayer
9:05- 9:45 A.M.—Session I, "The Bible and Spiritual Growth"
| The Rev. Wayne King
9:45-10:30 A.M.—Session II, "The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Growth"
| The Rev. Frank Harrison
10:30-11:00 A.M.—Break
11:00-12:00 Noon—Recreation
12:00- 1:00 P.M.—Lunch
1:00- 2:00 P.M.—Session III, "Worship and Spiritual Growth"
The Rev. Ray Williamson
2:00- 2:30 P.M.—Break
2:30- 3:30 P.M.—Bible Study and Prayer, "In Christ"
The Rev. Frank Harrison
3:30- 4:30 P.M.—Sharing and Testimony, The Rev. Lloyd Hargis

Each participant is asked to read a little paperback book entitled *Out of Solitude-Three Meditations on The Christian Life*, by Henri J. M. Nouwen (Ave Marie Press, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556). The book may be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Press or Mount Olive College. *Also, bring your Bible.*

For Additional Information, contact

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison

Mount Olive College

Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365

Telephones: Office 658-2502; Home 658-9363

REGISTRATION FOR LAYMEN'S LEAGUE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

June 7, 1986

In order for the College to know how to plan the number for lunch and overnight accommodations, each person planning to attend the retreat is requested to complete and return this form by **May 30, 1986**.

Make checks for overnight accommodations payable to the State Laymen's League.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

Conference _____

Home Telephone _____

(Check the appropriate blanks.)

_____ I plan to attend the retreat at Eagles' Nest on June 7.

_____ I plan to eat lunch at Eagles' Nest on Friday night, June 6 (\$5). Bring your sleeping bag or whatever else you will need to stay overnight.

Please return this form to:

Mr. Floyd Newsome

Route 5, Box 256

Wilson, North Carolina 27893



YFAers will soon be traveling to Cragmont Assembly to attend the 1986 Youth Frontier Conference. Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week is unique because it is the only youth encampment at Cragmont planned for just teenagers. This encampment always proves to be a time of fun and fellowship, a time of soul-searching and inspiration. The theme for the week is "Keepers of the Faith," and this year's encampment is scheduled for June 30—July 5.

To make sure that you are among those attending YFA Week, please mail the application below soon! (Mail no later than June 15; but do not wait, as you might be closed out if you do.) Send the application with a \$10 registration fee. Letters explaining what you need to carry to camp will be sent when your registration fee is received.

Checks should be made payable to Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week.

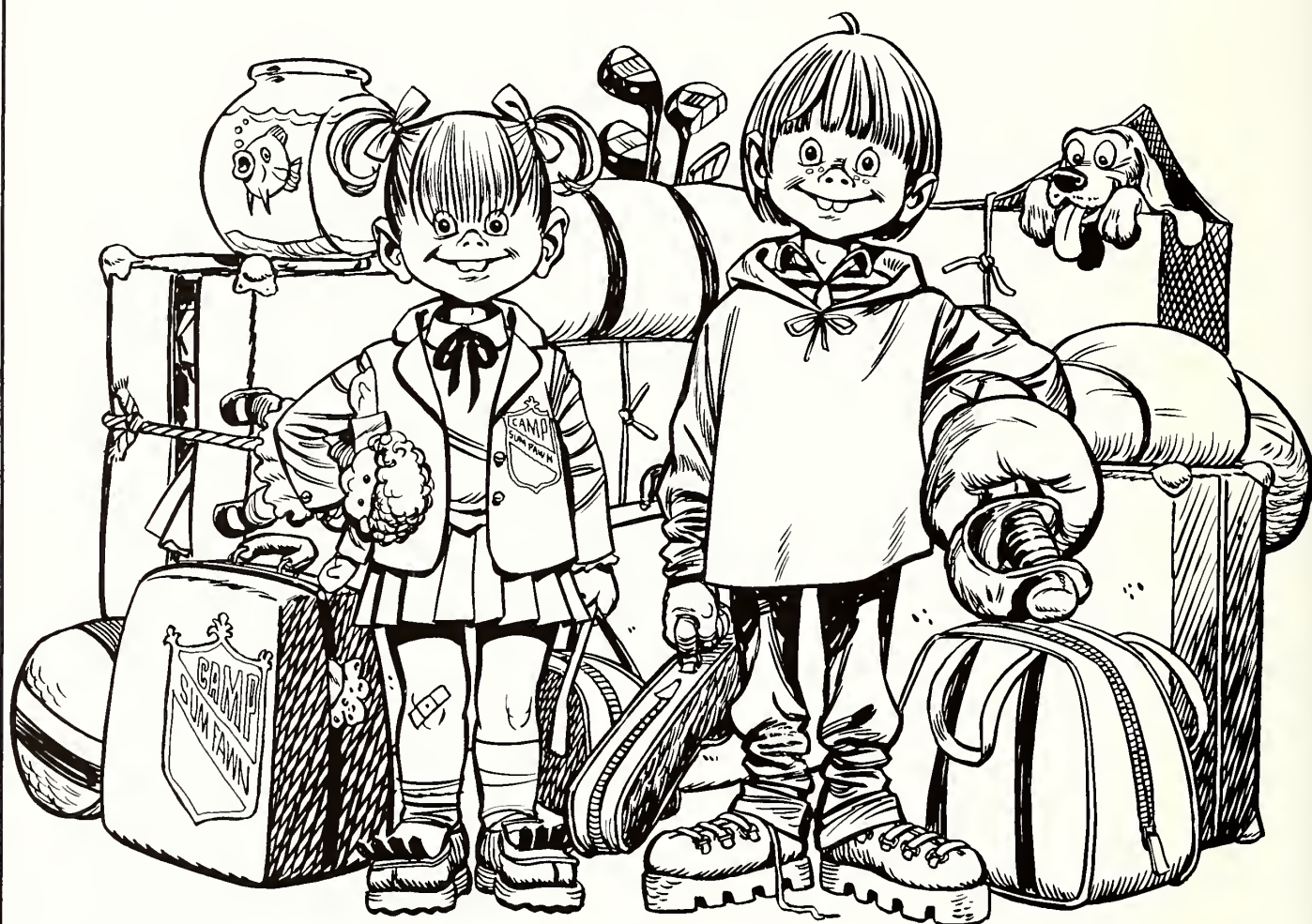
APPLICATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Age _____ Sex _____
 Birthday _____ Grade Completed _____
 Church _____

Send application to: Scott and Janie Sowers, Directors
 Route 1, Box 106-B
 Farmville, NC 27828

AFC CONFERENCE

CRAGMONT



July 7-12, 1986

Ages 8-12

Cost, \$90

REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ Phone _____

SEX _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Please send this registration form, along with a \$10 registration fee, to Doug Skinner, Box 117, Arapahoe, NC 28510; telephone, 249-1484. The registration deadline is June 15.

To: All Ministers of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists
Re: Pre-Registration for Cragmont Ministers' Conference, July 21-24, 1986

Dear Fellow Minister:

The Executive Committee of the Ministerial Association wishes to invite you to come be with us at Cragmont Assembly on July 21-24 for our annual Ministers' Conference. If you plan to attend this Conference, please send \$10 and the registration form below. (Make check payable to N.C. Ministerial Association.) We wish to have your pre-registration by July 16, 1986.

This year's program is planned as follows:

Monday:	7:30 P.M.	The Rev. Noah Brown	"Holy Communion"
Tuesday:	9:30 A.M.	The Rev. C. H. Overman	Worship Service
	10:45 A.M.	The Rev. James Joyner	Worship Service
	7:30 P.M.	Memorial Service and Business Meeting	
Wednesday:	9:30 A.M.	The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood	Worship Service
	10:45 A.M.	The Rev. Leonard Woodall	Worship Service
	7:30 P.M.	The Rev. David Hines	Worship Service
Thursday:	8:00 A.M.	The Rev. A. Graham Lane	Prayer Breakfast

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
July 21-24, 1986

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Please indicate your building preference (rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis):

Main Building _____ Motel _____ Floyd House _____ Dorm _____

Do you have any existing health problems that would prevent you from being on the second floor? Yes _____ No _____ (The ground floor of the Main Building will be reserved for those with health problems.)

*Name those you wish to room with if you stay in the motel or in the Main Building. _____

Note: All ministers' wives who stay on campus will room in the dorm behind the Dining Hall. () Check here if your wife will be with you.

Mail your registration form and \$10 deposit (by July 16) to:

Calvin A. Heath
Route 1, Box 288
Dunn, NC 28334

Make checks payable to N.C. Ministerial Association.

Christian Flag Service at your funeral? Yes _____ No _____

(new registration each year)

If you are unable to attend the Conference and wish to join the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association, please send \$5 membership dues to Calvin A. Heath at the above address.

The Ministerial Association encourages you to contribute toward our \$5,000 pledge to the Cragmont Building Fund. Gifts should be sent to Ralph Sumner, P.O. Box 445, Bridgeton, NC 28519.



THE 1986 BIBLE SWORD DRILL WINNERS of the North Carolina State League Convention held at Winterville Church, on March 8, were: *Juniors*—first place, Stacy Burgess, Hickory Chapel Church, Albemarle Conference; second place, Melody Wainwright, Bethany Church, Central Conference; *Intermediates*—first place, Beverly Thornton, Aspen Grove Church, Central Conference; second place, Thomas Rouse, Bethany Church, Central Conference.

First-place winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Cragmont; the second place winners will receive a one-half expense paid trip.

Anyone needing information about a training service or a set of 1987 Bible Drill rules, should contact Margaret Ard by writing to her at the following address: Route 1, Box 155, Pink Hill, NC 28572; phone, 568-4685.

THE 1986 SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE will be held at Beaverdam Church, Chadbourn, NC, June 23-24.

Churches are requested to send their pastor as well as delegates for a time of spiritual enlightenment and fellowship.

The scheduled program is as follows:

MONDAY

- 6:00—Registration
- 6:30—Special Music
- 7:00—Call to Order, the Rev. Harry Jones, president
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Welcome, the Rev. Jackie Godwin, host pastor
 - Response, the Rev. Mike Scott
 - Youth Program and Activities
 - Evening Sermon, the Rev. Tom Price
 - Altar Call
 - Congregational Singing
 - Prayer

TUESDAY

- 9:00—Registration Continued
- 9:15—Welcome and Special Music
- 9:20—Woman's Auxiliary Program
- 12:00—Lunch and Fellowship (Lunch will be provided by the host church)
- 2:00—Preaching and Fellowship, the Rev. Stanley Buck, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
- 3:00—The Rev. Joe Griffith, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
 - Recess

- 6:30—Business Session
- 7:00—Preaching and Fellowship, the Rev. Jackie Godwin, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
 - Recess
- 8:00—The Rev. W. S. Burns, speaker
 - Congregational Singing and Special Music
 - Adjournment

The directions to the church are as follows: Take Highway 701 south of Whiteville approximately eight miles. A church sign will direct you to turn right; then go approximately 1 3/4 miles.

Those wanting to spend the night will find the following motels in the area:

- Holiday Motel*, Highway 701 North, Whiteville; phone, 642-5162
- Best Western Premiere Inn*, 701 Bypass, Whiteville; phone, 642-2378
- Chadbourn Motel*, Strawberry Boulevard; phone, 654-3247
- El Rancho Motel*, Highway 701 North, Tabor City; phone 653-3169

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE will convene with Beaverdam Church on June 23 at 7 p.m. The evening program will be under the direction of Mrs. Wallie Hargrove, General Conference Youth Chairman.

Those winning the State Youth Convention Bible Bowl Competition are encouraged to compete at this convention. Registration for this competition should be sent to the attention of Wallie Hargrove, Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, NC 28513.

The Tuesday morning session will begin with registration at 9 a.m. An interesting program has been planned. Auxiliaries should send a registration fee of \$10 to Mrs. Dola Dudley, 529-A South Fifth Street, Smithfield, NC 27577.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will meet with Calvary Church, 409 Deans Street, Wilson, on June 16. All laymen are urged to attend.

THE FIRST UNION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE will meet with First Church, Durham, on Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m. The Rev. James Joyner, clerk, will preach. The moderator is the Rev. Keith Cobb.

All member churches are urged to be present or to send their letter and fee.

THE THIRD UNION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE will meet with Snow Hill Church, located near Mount Olive. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. All pastors and laymen are encouraged to attend.

THE CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING has been scheduled for Saturday, June 28, at Steven's Chapel Church. The planned program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
 - Devotion, the Rev. Al Markuson
 - Welcome, Host church
 - Response, the Rev. Calvin Heath
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Reading of Minutes of Last Union Meeting
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Report of Denominational Enterprises
 - Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
 - Special Music
 - Offering and Offertory Prayer
 - Message, the Rev. Harry Jones
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
 - Report of Committees
 - Unfinished Business
 - Benediction and Adjournment
 - Lunch and Christian Fellowship

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE THIRD UNION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE met with Laniers Chapel Church on April 5.

The Convention was opened by the host pastor, the Rev. Orvin B. Everett Sr., who led the congregation in singing, "I Would Not Be Denied." President Frank Grubbs then opened the convention for business and welcomed the visitors.

While the various committees retired to take care of business, Mr. Grubbs introduced the guest speaker for the Convention. The Convention was proud to have as its speaker Janie Sowers, editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, to share her views on how Sunday School growth can be experienced.

She encouraged everyone to ask themselves the following questions about Sunday School growth:

Where are the youth of the church?

If there are not youth in the church, where is the church going to be in the future?

What can we do to stimulate Sunday School attendance?

In the group discussion which ensued, these points were brought out:

Christians should love people and be their friends, as a way of winning them to Christ.

Christians need to band together to pray and then to do the work of ministry.

(There were many points brought out in the discussion. One of the best ways to find out what you can do in your church to promote growth is to contact the Sunday School Field Secretary, Bass Mitchell.)

THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION was held at Hickory Chapel Church in Ahoskie on May 8, hosted by the Albemarle District. The music was under the direction of Dianne Riley. The organist was Sudie May and Libby Taylor was the pianist.

Sudie May led the devotions and gave pointers on "How to Be Happy," which was in keeping with the theme, "Happy Are God's People."

Becky Jo Sumner, president of the Albemarle District extended a hearty welcome to the district and to her home church. Sandra Hargis of the Western District responded.

Happy Taylor, president of the Convention, brought greetings and thanked the group for the cooperation which had been given her during her six years in office. Mrs. Taylor recognized state officers, district presidents, ministers and members from the six districts represented.

Dianne Riley led the directors of denominational enterprises into a fantasy garden, where they expressed the need to cultivate each enterprise with prayer and financial support. The Rev. John Williams represented Cragmont; Janie Sowers, the Free Will Baptist Press; the Rev. David C. Hansley, Home Missions; the Rev. Bobby Taylor, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home; Jean Ackiss, Mount Olive College; the Rev. Harold Jones, along with the Rev. and



Retiring Treasurer, Hilda Sasser

Mrs. Paul Grubbs, Foreign Missions; and the Rev. Walter Sutton, Retirement Homes.

Rose Raper read a fitting tribute to Happy Taylor, the retiring president, as she presented her the Life Membership Award on behalf of the Convention.

The morning worship was opened with the hymn, "O Happy Day." Libby Taylor sang "This Moment Today."

The president introduced Mattie Link, former missionary to Mexico who teaches at Farmville Central High School, to bring the message. She based her remarks on Psalm 146:5 and three words: Happy, Hope, and Help. She said that Christians are happy people because they are redeemed and justified. They have hope of living eternally; and as God as their shield, help is available.

The afternoon session was opened with the hymn "Heavenly Sunlight." Dianne Riley sang, "The New Twenty-third." Estelene Tart gave a memorial tribute to those who have passed away during the past year. Sudie May then sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

The committee reports were given. Afterwards, Alice Barrow installed the following officers for two-year terms: president, Sara Willoughby; vice president, Jean Ackiss; Secretary, Sandra Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Warrick; Treasurer, Nadine Crocker; Missions Chairman, Deborah King; Youth Co-Chairmen, Suzanne Coates and Joan Little; Study Course Chairman, Nina Grace Register; Program-Prayer Chairman, Happy Taylor; Benevolence Chairman, Clara Patrick; and Field Secretary, Donna Holland.

Elected to serve on the Literature Committee were Nina Grace Register and Cathy Hayes; Cragmont Board, Velma Morris; Christian Education Committee, Alma Buck; chairman of the Life Membership Awards, Hilda Sasser.

The retiring officers were recognized and praised for a job well done, especially the retiring treasurer, Hilda Sasser, who had served for 26 years.

AYDEN SEMINARY-EUREKA COLLEGE ALUMNI TO MEET: The annual meeting of the Ayden Seminary-Eureka College alumni will be June 18, 1986, 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. The North Carolina Free Will Baptist Historical Society will also meet along with the alumni.

All ministers, family members and other persons interested in our heritage and history are urged to attend. Ministers are asked to announce the meeting in their churches.

The program will be provided by the Rev. Emundo Gonzalez, who will be sharing the results of his research on the early history of Free Will Baptists in the New England States. Catalogues, pictures and other items of historical interest relative to Ayden Seminary and Eureka College will also be on display.

While earning his master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, Gonzalez was able to do research in the archives of the seminary. He was also able to visit several other colleges that have valuable historical records on the early beginnings and growth of Free Will Baptists that originated under the Benjamin Randall movement.

Ayden Seminary had its beginning in 1897, grew into Eureka College in the 1920s and continued operation until 1931 when it burned. However, the dream of a college continued to exist among the Free Will Baptists in North Carolina and resulted in the birth of Mount Olive College. Mount Olive has advanced to a four-year program and awarded its first baccalaureate degrees in College Hall on May 10.

The day's program will conclude with lunch being served by Pete's Barbecue, family style, at \$4 per plate.

For further information contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, director of church relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919/658-2502).

CHURCHES AVAILABLE

Otters Creek Church, located at Route 1, Macclesfield, is looking for a pastor. Anyone interested should contact Benny Morgan by writing to him at Route 1, Box 316, Macclesfield, NC 27852; or by phoning him at 749-1201.

Oriental Church, Oriental, is looking for a pastor. The church has a parsonage. Anyone interested should contact Sherill Styron, 249-1209; or George Macon, 249-0220.



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The Jordan Award was presented to Quintin E. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barnes of Grifton. This award is given in memory of L. K. Jordan of Mount Olive to the student who shows outstanding qualities of citizenship. Barnes was chosen by ballot of the entire student body.

The Martin Award, which is presented by the Robert R. Martin Family of Mount Olive, is given in memory of Mr. Martin's parents, Leon and Bertha Reaves Martin. Recipients of this award are the graduating students who have the highest academic averages for their years of study at Mount Olive College.

Senior Lisa K. Davis, daughter of Mrs. Linda B. Shrock of Goldsboro, received the four-year award with a grade point average of 3.96. Two students tied for the two-

year award with a 4.0 average each. They are Beverly Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bryant Sr., of Rose Hill; and Cynthia Diana Civils, daughter of Donald Civils of Kinston.

Mount Olive College has made tremendous strides since it began operations in the town of Mount Olive in 1954. The College's sponsoring body, the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists with \$6.17 in the budget for higher education, had negotiated a loan of \$25,000 to purchase an abandoned public school building.

In those days the old building was the entire College. There was no library or endowment. There were 22 students enrolled in the fledgling two-year College.

In 1977, the State Convention requested that the "board of trustees of Mount Olive College work aggressively toward mak-

ing the College a four-year institution."

By 1979, the Convention endorsed a projected timetable set by the trustees to add the junior year in 1984 and the senior year in 1985. The next years were spent in developing new programs of study and recruiting additional faculty holding doctorates.

Today there are eight modern buildings on the main campus of Mount Olive College. The original building, still in use, houses the fine arts department, the cafeteria, business and financial aid offices. Mount Olive is valued at \$10 million.

There are more than 40,000 volumes in the College library, endowment is expected to reach \$3 million this year, and enrollment has increased to 665 students, 455 in on-campus programs and 210 in extension programs.

NEARLY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT CLAIM RELIGION "VERY IMPORTANT"

Pollster George Gallup has reported that more Southern Baptists—74 per cent—say religion is "very important" in their lives than do members of any other major denominational body in the United States.

Mormons follow closely, with 71 per cent agreeing religion is "very important."

In a comprehensive survey conducted last year and released recently, the famed pollster reported further that 55 per cent of Lutherans describe their religion as "very important," followed by Catholics (54 per cent), Methodists (53 per cent), Presbyterians (46 per cent) and Episcopalians (42 per cent).

Overall, Gallup reported for his Princeton Religion Research Center, 55 per cent of the American people say religion plays a very important role in their lives, with 31 per cent claiming it to be fairly important and 13 per cent saying it is not very important. These figures have remained the same for the past six years.

Another survey question yielded information that 45 per cent of the American people believe that religion as a whole is increasing in its influence on public life, with 41 per cent saying religion is losing its influence.

It was also revealed that slightly more than four adults in every ten (42 per cent) attended church or synagogue in a typical week.

Figures were based on in-person interviews with 7,649 adults, 18 and older, questioned during five selected weeks during 1985. Attendance and membership figures came in response to in-person interviews with 5,093 adults conducted in four selected weeks last year. Gallup estimates sampling and other random errors could account for 2 per cent variation in either direction in surveys of the size conducted.

THE MISSION FIELD AT HOME

There are more "lost" people in the United States who "do not have a saving faith in Jesus Christ" than the total population of more than 104 of the 106 countries where Southern Baptists send foreign missionaries. (Southern Baptists send missionaries to India and Indonesia, which have a total population which totals more than that of America.) Anyone who thinks America is a Christian nation really does not know the facts, according to many experts on church life.

Two-thirds of the total population of the United States do not claim Christ as Lord. That means that out of the 239 million people who make up the population of the United States, there are 160 million who are lost and without Christ. **Think about this:** That means that there are more people in the United States who need the message of salvation than there are in countries like Brazil, Japan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nigeria and Mexico.

We must all be witnesses if this is to change.

RUMOR STILL ALARMS MANY

Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from *The Biblical Recorder* and *The Word and Way*. Not only does it give specifics but it also confirms how widespread this problem is and how long it has existed. Many Free Will Baptists still do not know that this is a dead issue.

Old rumors die hard—especially the decade-old rumor that atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair is seeking "to stop the reading of the gospel on the airways of America."

The out-of-control rumor is based loosely on a petition brought before the Federal Communications Commission in 1975 by two California men. According to an August 21, 1975, article, "The FCC unanimously rejected the petition (that sought) a freeze on application for educational television and FM radio channels by religious organizations."

The FCC held at that time that "as a government agency, the commission is enjoined by the First Amendment to

observe a stance of neutrality toward religion acting neither to promote nor to inhibit religion."

Somewhere along the way, however, the number of that petition (2493) was linked with Mrs. O'Hair's name. As recently as last week, *Word & Way*, the Missouri Baptist state paper, received two letters asking whether petition 2493 is still a concern and if it is connected with Mrs. O'Hair. The answer to both questions is no.

In a 1983 article, Christian evangelist Bill Murray (son of Mrs. O'Hair) charged that the fake petitions are being printed and kept in circulation by atheists to "make Christians look foolish before the FCC which must approve applications for Christian radio and TV stations."

According to FCC officials, letters concerning Petition 2493 flow steadily into their offices.

Baptist state newspaper editors have joined the effort to quiet the rumors, but the petitions continue to circulate.

Writing about the petition back in 1980, *Word & Way* editor Bob Terry challenged readers "to bind vigilance and enthusiasm with accurate information in order to make Christian action more effective."

Florida Baptist editor Jack Brymer labeled the petition "a sad commentary on the church in general and Christians in particular for this 10-year-old rumor to still be alive."

Gene Puckett, editor of the North Carolina Baptist newspaper, posed the question: "If we cry 'wolf' when there is no wolf, can we be heard when there is a legitimate cause?" His answer: "Probably not."

And yet, nearly 11 years after the FCC's ruling against Petition 2493, the rumor continues. Murray's advice to fellow Christians is simple and straightforward: "Never sign any petition which does not have the name and address of the individual or group who sponsors it. None of the petitions titled '2493' has a name or address, just further proof that these are the work of the atheist groups."

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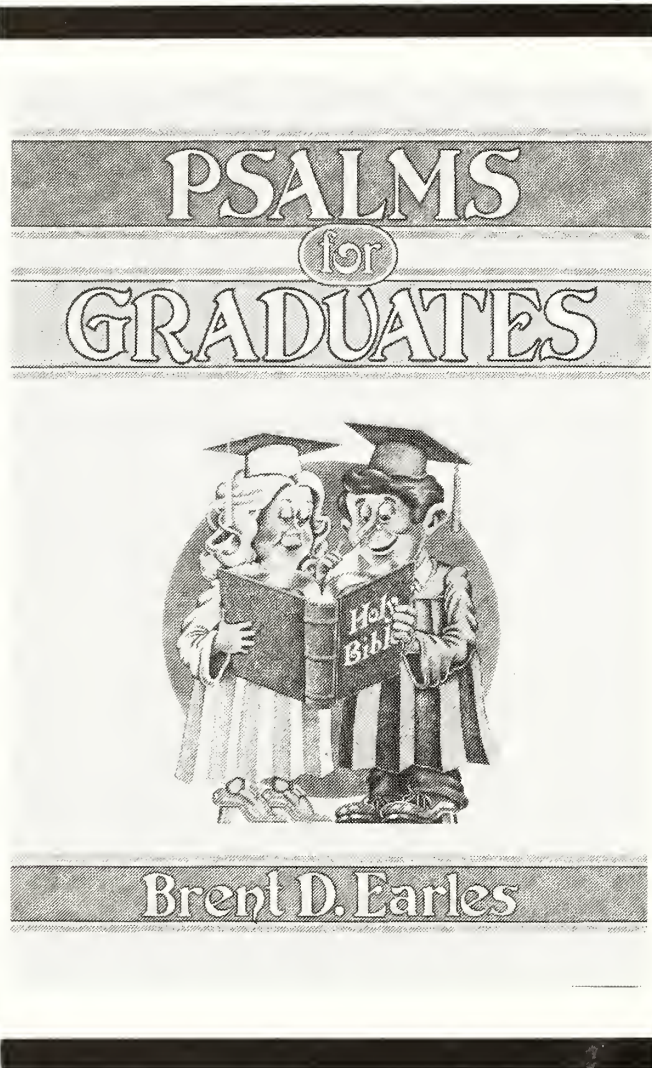
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Brent D. Earles

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Along with congratulations and best wishes, graduates are bombarded with all kinds of advice and platitudes. They're bored with the stale phrases and the superficial answers that are tossed their way.

Psalms for Graduates is a good antidote for all those yawns. It speaks clearly and meaningfully to young graduates' needs and concerns. With frankness and insight Brent Earles tackles subjects such as self-value, loneliness, serenity, fate, enthusiasm, and love. He minces no words as he probes the significance of timeless truths for today's generation. Thirty-one verses from the Book of Psalms provide the basis for upbeat discussions. Here's an example:

17—Urgency: Time in a Bottle

"Wait for the LORD . . . (Psalm 27:14).

The devotion is introduced by some lines from the Jim Croce ballad, followed by these pointed paragraphs:

American lifestyle calls everything urgent. Do it now. Rush, rush rush! From stoplight to stoplight, from store to store, from morning to evening, from chore to chore—we are the busiest people in the world. We work hard and play even harder, and we only stop to sleep.

Maybe hurrying in a pain reliever for an empty life. We rush around to avoid seeing our real reflection.

"Wait!" is the word for the day. Slow down; you move too fast. Drink life in. Enjoy the day as it passes. Sponge up the splendor of living that floods over the dam of patience.

Patience? Yeah, patience. That's what waiting is all about. Learning to let God focus things for you before you snap the picture. It sure beats dashing through the years, clicking off memories, only to look back and wonder how it went so fast.

Patience means taking your time and letting God take His. Easily said, not so easily done . . .

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I AM AN OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN

by James T. Jeremiah

William A. Ward wrote, "I believe in America. I believe it became great because of its faith in God, its hope for independence and its love for freedom.

"I am grateful for America's glorious past; I am awed by its unbelievable present; I am confident by its limitless future.

"I am not ashamed to take my hat off and to stand at attention when Old Glory passes by. I do not apologize for the lump in my throat when I repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

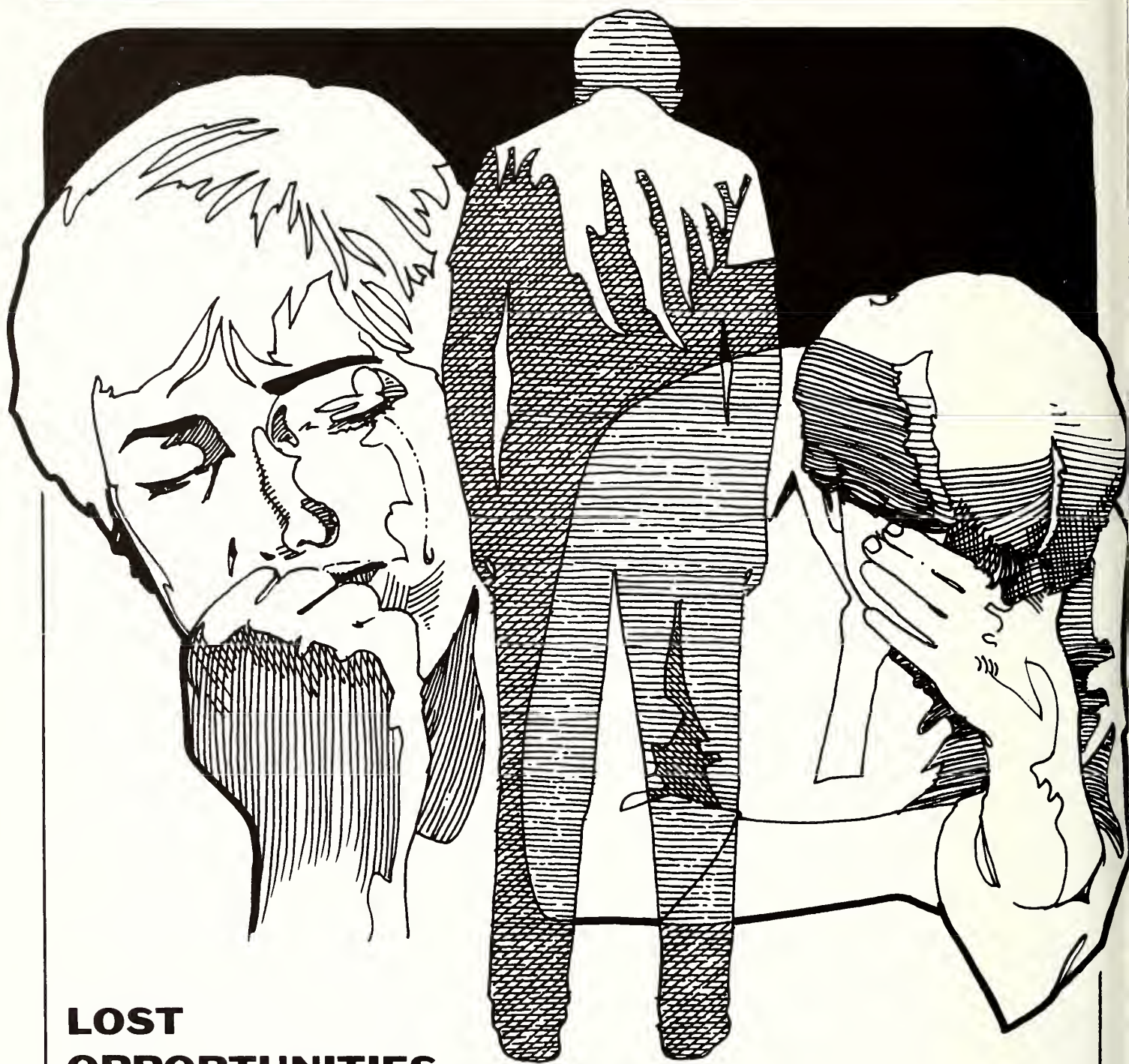
"I am not embarrassed by the tears in my eyes when I hear 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

"Like millions of Americans, I want a free choice, not a free handout. I prefer an opportunity to prove my abilities on the job rather than a license to demonstrate my frustrations in the street. I am an old-fashioned American with a new-found determination to do my part to make democracy work."

Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do right. What a price has been paid for freedom. Men and women have given their lives so that we can be free from the bondage of totalitarian governments. We are free to live, to speak, to write and to worship. Let us pray that our fair land shall remain free and we will use that liberty to do right. There is a greater freedom, however, that gives real meaning to our political liberty. It is the freedom our Saviour has provided. Through His death and Resurrection, the believer is free from sin's guilt and dominion. For the first time, he has the liberty to do right.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free . . . If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:32-36).





LOST OPPORTUNITIES

Luke 16:19-25

by William G. Glover

In these Scriptures is a lesson we all should learn. When we have an opportunity to do good, we should do it. Tomorrow does not belong to us, it is exclusively the property of God.

Act and Live in The Here and Now

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We must all live and act in the "now." There are Scriptures that affirm this: "today if you hear my voice" (Hebrews 3:7); "now is the accepted time" (2 Corinthians 6:2). When God speaks to us, He

speaks of the present, never of tomorrow.

When Jesus was asked by His disciples to teach them how to pray, Christ said these words: "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:11-12).

There are two things we should learn from the Lord's

Prayer; we are to ask God for our provisions daily and we are to forgive our debtors daily.

Tomorrow is too long a period in human life. The Scriptures teach that life is brief. "It is like the flower of the grass; All flesh is grass and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades" (Isaiah 40:6-7).

Whatever is to be done should be done today; tomorrow may never come. When we have an opportunity to do good, we should do it. Opportunities are like a flock of migrant birds passing over; if we do not see them as they pass over, we may not be able to see them again. It is not that the birds may not pass over again, but we may not be in the vicinity when they return.

Too many of us put off until tomorrow what we should do today. Tomorrow never seems to come, and we have lost our opportunity to do that which should have been done today.

The Contrast of Our Condition of Life

There were two men traveling along the same road from birth to death. One was rich, the other was poor and sickly. The rich man was well situated in life. He wore the best of clothing, ate the choicest of food, resided on the most fertile soil, was attended by local servants, and had friends of the upper class.

He lived lavishly, received whatever he desired. Life for him was like that of one living in the paradise of Eden. He enjoyed a life of comfort, joy, and peace. A life surrounded with beauty and pleasure; a life knowing neither poverty nor unfulfilled desires.

There was also a poor, sick man called Lazarus. All he ever

knew was poverty. He never had a place he could call his own; he never had a table or enough provisions that he could sit and eat until he was filled; he never had a wardrobe that he could change clothing every day; and he never had enough money so he could pay a physician to heal him. All that he ever experienced in life was that of want.

These two men and their different states in life reflect the condition of men in our contemporary society. Those who have and those who have not. The lesson we can learn from this Scripture is that *of opportunity and opportunity is lost*. The rich man had an opportunity to do good. His earthly brother Lazarus, who was poor and laid sick at his gate daily, desired only the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table.

Our Opportunities Are At Our Doorstep

The rich man had the opportunity to give Lazarus the left-overs but he did not. He allowed his guest to throw the left-overs into the road that his dogs be fed rather than give the scraps to a poor and sickly man who lay at his gate.

We have men as Lazarus in our communities today. Men that are poor in this world's goods and poverty-stricken in spiritual growth. There are men who are physically sick and also spiritually diseased.

We have the opportunity to assist them in their physical and spiritual needs. Shall we be as the rich man by throwing our opportunities out the window of neglect rather than helping our fellowman in his physical and spiritual needs?

The rich man's opportunity was not in a distant land nor in another city, but at his gate. It was within his sight and reach.

He could not say, "I did not know of his needs or condition," for Lazarus lay at his gate. He could not say, "I have nothing to give," for there was bread left that his guests used to wipe their fingers. He had no excuse but he did have an opportunity to help a fellow traveler through life's barren land.

He had an opportunity to give shelter to his brother, that had no home; to feed a starving and hungry soul; to comfort a diseased body that was in pain and needed healing; and to be a companion to one that was friendless. He had an opportunity to show mercy to a fellow human being. He merely ignored Lazarus' presence and condition. His eyes beheld a body covered with sores which the dogs licked; he heard the man as he begged for the crumbs that fell from his table, but he would not show compassion or loving kindness. He turned from his fellowman instead of turning to him.

We, who are the people of God and disciples of Jesus Christ, have many opportunities to help our fellowman. Sin is colossal and raging in this country. Crime is on the rise; the lives of our youth are being destroyed by their use of all types of drugs; families are being separated, either by unemployment or thoughtless and uncompromising men and women.

Shall we be as the rich man and turn ourselves from the realities of this day, or shall we turn ourselves to face the conditions of our day in a godly way? Jesus has established His Church to change man and the conditions that spring from man's sins. Let us arm ourselves with the gospel of Jesus Christ and go about our task of changing men from what they are, to what they should be.



THE POOR ARE NOT ALL 'OVER THERE'

by Ted Engstrom

AS with churches today you could tell a lot about a church years ago by whether or not the front pews were filled. In years past, it was a common practice to rent church pews, and the more you paid, the better seat you got. Of course free seats were available, but if you used them, you risked public embarrassment. The practice discouraged poor people from going to church, and our forebears finally recognized that this was inconsistent with the compassion Jesus has for the poor.

We frown and shake our heads when we hear about Christians who held slaves or locked up debtors or carelessly told the poor that poverty is the will of God. We easily wear a robe of moral superiority while underneath our own social conscience barely itches.

A number of writers recently have outlined the scriptural case for the Christian's responsibility to the poor. Some have traced it historically. In the last century, Jonathan Blanchard, founder of Wheaton College, stood for the downtrodden and firmly opposed slavery. Evangelist

Charles Finney was a thorough-going social reformer. A. B. Simpson, B. T. Roberts, and Phineas Bresee each began a work among the dispossessed—and each endeavor eventually led to the formation of a denomination. (And each opposed the practice of pew renting.)

Meanwhile, across the water, the stern old Dutch theologian (and eventually prime minister) Abraham Kuyper wrote as clear a statement on the topic as I've ever seen. He wrote, "God has not willed that one should drudge hard and have not bread for himself and his family. And still less has God willed that any man with hands to work and a will to work should suffer hunger or be reduced to the beggar's staff just because there is no work."

That's why, from time to time, I publicly reaffirm the Christian's commission to minister to the elderly, the fatherless, widows, aliens, those in prison, the hungry and the homeless. We exist to minister to the poor. We are in business to bring physical sustenance and the good news of the gospel to the victims of natural disasters and/or

human greed both overseas and at home.

The difference between those pioneer reformers I mentioned and many of us today is that they could see human need in their own cities and neighborhoods. They didn't have to go abroad. Of course, they had no six o'clock news or wire service to confront them with the sorry plight of two-thirds of the world's people. While that God-given technology has brought life and hope to millions, it has often aided us in looking right past the hurting people in our own backyard.

Many churches today fill the front pews—and anyone who wants to can sit there. But outside the very doors of our sanctuaries we can still find some 50 million whom the Scriptures call the weak, the helpless, the destitute, the needy, the dependent, the oppressed. To paraphrase Abraham Kuyper, we can never be excused if we so unequally divide the rich bounty which the Lord provides, that one has plenty while another goes to sleep hungry, often even without a bed.

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Woman's Auxiliary Recognizes Taylor

During the 1986 session of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Happy Taylor was presented the Life Membership Award. Following is the speech Mrs. Rose Raper made during the presentation of the award.

The one whom we honor today is loved and appreciated by all who know her. She has been active in her church and community for quite a long time.

In professing Christ as her Saviour, she made a strong and permanent commitment to invest her life and talents in those efforts that would really make a difference—a difference in her life and the lives of those with whom she lived and worked.

She believes that anything worth doing at all should be done to the very best of one's ability.

In the time she and I have been working together as officers of this Convention many subjects have been discussed, many problems and uncertainties have arisen, and she would always say to me, "What do you think?" After almost every such discussion she would say, "I really don't know what to do, but we'll pray about the matter and then do the very best we can." She would never give up.

You see when she sets her goals on something that really count for her Lord, she will find

a way to accomplish what someone else might consider impossible. She truly gives of herself, she gives all that she is capable of giving. I think the second verse of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep" could well be her motto:

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Our honoree, Mrs. Happy Taylor, is the daughter of Estelle and Webster Riggs; the wife of John Taylor; the mother of two wonderful children, Wesley and Lawanna; and grandmother to two precious grandchildren.

She is a member of the Smith's New Home Church in Lenoir County, near Deep Run. She has taught Sunday School and Bible School, served as director of Bible School and treasurer of her church. She has served as program-prayer chairman of her local auxiliary as well.

As an officer in the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary she has served as program-prayer

chairman, field secretary and two terms as district president. She also served as director of the Eastern District Woman's Conference at Camp Vandemere from 1976-1984.

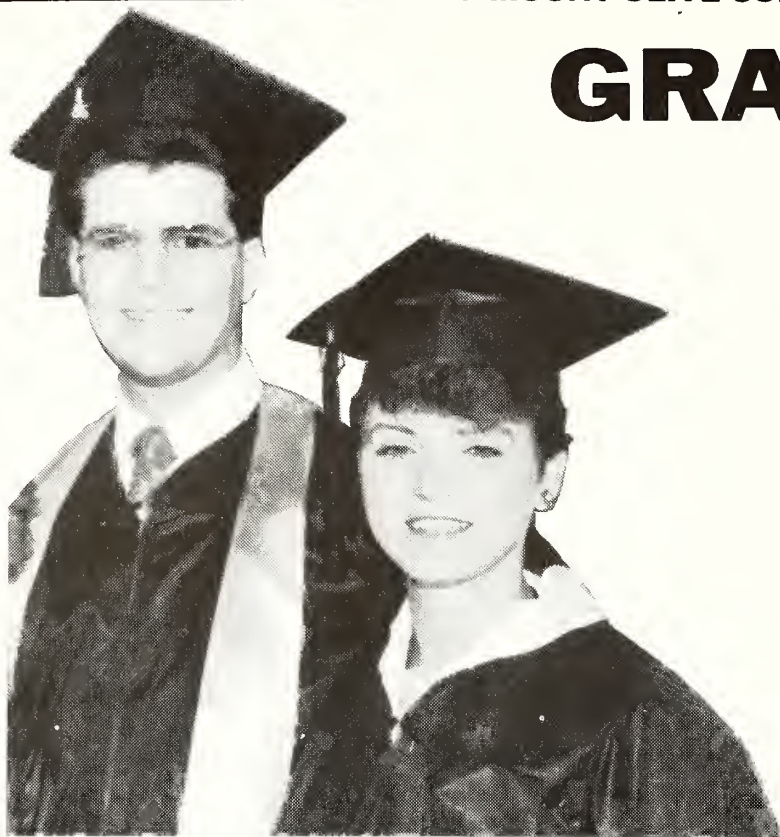
Happy taught kindergarten at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston from 1969-1977, at which time she became manager of the Free Will Baptist Kinston Bible and Book Store.

At the present time, she is manager of the Mount Olive College Book Store and secretary-receptionist in the business office of the College.

It is truly a pleasure for me to present this certificate and life award pin to our outgoing state president as she concludes her third term of office.

Happy, we love you and pray that God will continue to bless you and give you many more years to serve Him.

"So live—decently, fearlessly, joyously—and don't forget that in the long run it is not the years in your life but the life in your years that counts" (Adlai E. Stevenson).



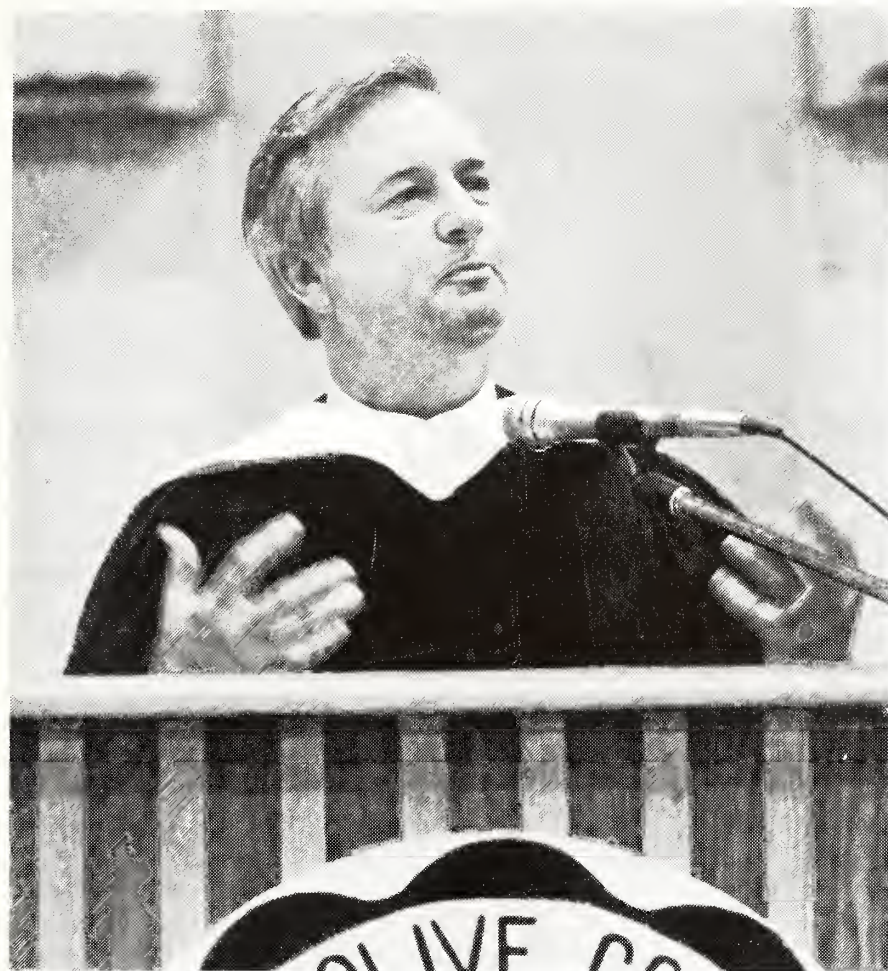
GRADUATION DAY— THE DAY OF HISTORY

Dr. Pepper Worthington
Professor of English
Mount Olive College

Today is the greatest day in the 259 year history of the Original Free Will Baptists," said the Honorable James B. Hunt Jr. to the graduating class of Mount Olive College, May 10, 1986. "A small, rural denomination whose members are primarily of modest means, has built a senior, four-year college that in spirit and quality is one of the best in the entire state of North Carolina—and I know them all."

Gathered in College Hall for Graduation Day were students, faculty, administrators, trustees, and friends of the College—all charged with an energy of visible achievement, as if the day, May 10, 1986, was a symbol of a future impact as well as a fact of a present attainment. Many felt a part of the whole, a link to the process of becoming an original, private, Christian-rooted college. A sense of a visible display of a long-developed vision permeated the entire gathering, as if the historic day of the Charter Class of 50 graduates who were to receive baccalaureate degrees was precisely that—a history-making day.

History is made by people who dream, act, lead, and "nerve up" for confrontation with the voices in opposition. Mount Olive College as a four-year college is a visible tribute to a dream born into reality through the vision, action, leadership and "nerving up" of Original Free Will Baptists and their appointed leader, Dr. W. Burkette Raper.



James B. Hunt Jr. gives the graduation address.

Hunt Remembers Childhood Church

Looking across the faces of the students, Hunt reminisced. "I remember the church I grew up in. It was a white weather-board building with a pot-bellied stove on each side. The men sat on one side and the women on the other. We had preaching—that's what we called it—once a month and the preacher was paid \$25."

With a sweep of his hand, Hunt remarked, "Now think of our beautiful, modern churches, of the progressive programs and leaders of the Free Will Baptist denomination, of this college. This college we are thinking of today started in 1951 some miles away from here. In 1953 the decision to locate the campus in Mount Olive was passed by 6

votes. In just 32 years Mount Olive College has grown from a budget of \$6.17 and 22 students to a modern campus valued at \$10 million, an operating budget of \$4.5 million per year and an annual payroll of \$1.6 million, an endowment of \$3 million, a 40,000 volume library and an enrollment of 665 students."

A sense of pride swept across the audience.

"On this historic day Mount Olive College graduates 50 students with baccalaureate degrees and 76 students with associate degrees," said Hunt. "This is history; this is a demonstration of vision, both of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and of Dr. W. Burkette Raper, a human dynamo."

Congratulations Extended

Hunt extended his congratulations to all who helped build the College and he reminded the graduating class to think about all the people who contributed to this historical day—mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, friends. "Many sacrificed to make this day possible," said Hunt.

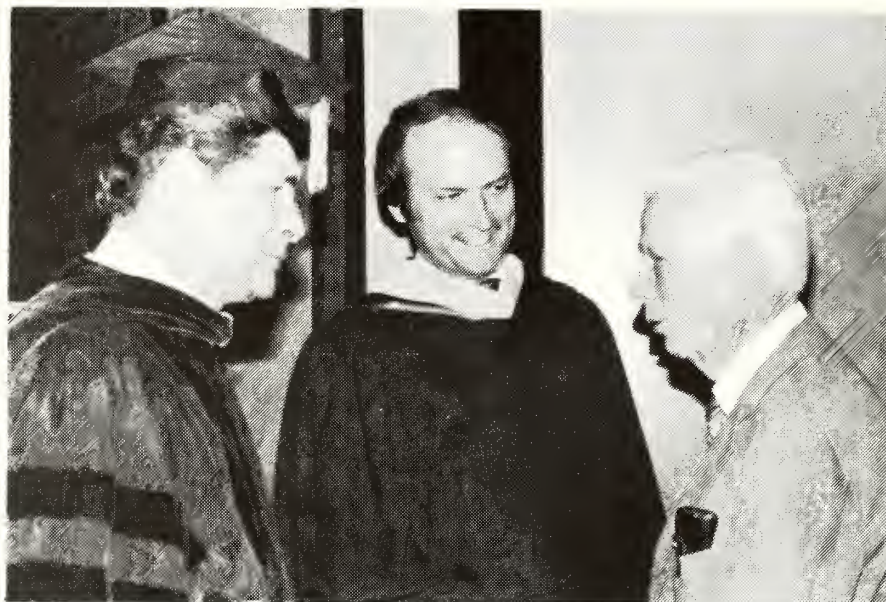
With a smile Hunt eyed the graduating class. "I am only going to give you two pieces of advice. This is a tradition, you know, in a graduation address. First, I urge that you not stop learning, just because you have graduated from college. I urge you to read broadly, to think deeply, to challenge the conventional, and to seek for and act on the truth. That will be a measure of your mind."

Then Hunt gave his second piece of advice. "Second, I urge you to live your lives with the kind of active love and concern for your fellowman that characterized Jesus the Christ. An active love engages you in the world. You have to be out there making this the kind of place you want it to be. Don't make the mistake that knowledge and learning are the same thing as goodness. Becoming a good moral person cannot be intellectualized."

Mount Olive Vital

Emphasizing the need for a small private Christian college, Hunt said, "I believe this small but vital college can be a unique part in the future of our state and our nation. We know that Mount Olive College has a way to go to achieve the full excellence of faculty, library, and service to which it is now committed as a four-year college, as the educational center, the crown jewel of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and as the only four-year college from

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The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, pastor of Piney Grove Church in Duplin County, right, congratulates commencement worship service speaker, the Rev. Marvin R. Waters, while Dr. Raper looks on. Waters is pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Bern.



The Rev. David W. Hansley, "the founding trustee of the College" and first chairman of the board (1951-1963), prays the invocation.

The Rev. David O. Vesper, pastor of Angola Church in Onslow County, listens carefully to pre-graduation instructions.

The Rev. Calvin A. Heath, pastor of Robert's Grove Church, and the Rev. Charles I. Barnard, former missionary to the Philippines, prepare for the commencement worship service.

Tanya Newson, a member of Piney Grove Church in Duplin County, helps a friend get ready for the procession.



here to the coast of North Carolina."

Pausing for his conclusion, Hunt looked across College Hall and said emphatically, "Let us all renew our determination to take those next big steps with Dr. Raper and the Board of Trustees, those steps for the educational excellence and glory of God that this fine college should and must be. We are proud of you, 1986 graduates of Mount Olive College. Our long efforts and sacrifices are represented in your lives—as they will be as long as you live. I wish you good luck and God's richest blessings."



When the conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas began, the historical process of the baccalaureate program became visible. As the Charter Class began walking across the stage, many felt the thrill of a dream made real, of a concept come alive, as if what the Free Will Baptists thought possible could become a fact—an accomplished event that has implications beyond a rural corner, a rectangular classroom, a building, or a piece of paper.

Alumni Look Back

A picnic on the grounds was held after the graduation ceremony. Alumni gathered around faculty at the picnic, as if Graduation Day was the moment for alumni to reach back for that special feeling they felt was here at Mount Olive. Tony Peacock, who now teaches



Enjoying the picnic on the campus lawn.

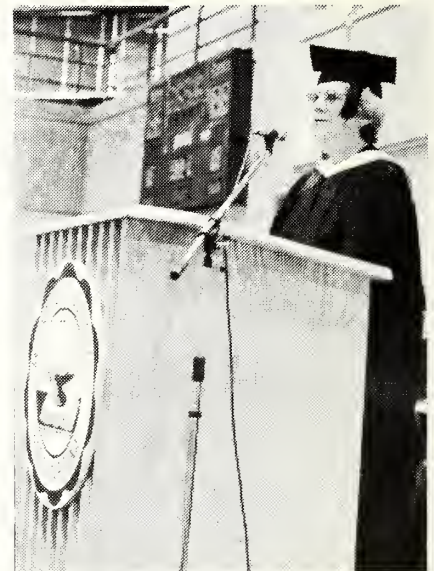
Lovely ladies! Carolyn Hunt, wife of the graduation speaker, and Elsie Hunt, wife of the chairman of the Board, pause during lunch.

English at Manteo High School, said, "I wanted to come back to

see if the College still had its Christian vision or had gone off the track with the baccalaureate program. And I think I've found out what I wanted to know. I feel good. I like what I see, what I felt when I came back after Easter and sat in on an upper level course. I think Mount Olive has a direction—a clear one. I feel good."

Scott Nunn, Phil Hansley, Sharon Hassell and other alumni gathered into a circle to talk, to capture that sense that this was a college where people are not in a hurry to move away from one another but to connect. The process of reaching back to recapture an earlier magic, a younger sense of encounter may renew energy for alumni. This renewal may extend the roots of the college into the world—though full of scars—must be touched.

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A great day for the Hines family! Now, David and Teresa are both alumni.

Science professor Lorelle F. Martin, member of the faculty since 1957, brings greetings to the graduates.

A Beautiful Day

Everything about Graduation Day pleased those who attended—the sunshine, the wind, the procession, the music of “Pomp and Circumstance” reinforced by the brass instruments of the North Carolina Symphony members, The Honorable James B. Hunt Jr.’s emphasis upon morality in knowledge, the senior class gift of a signed Charter Class photograph to Dr. Raper who saw a good thing to do and did it, Lorelle Martin’s concept of change and joy, the ending prayer beckoning all to “nerve up” and enter the world as an active force of love, the picnic, the excitement of the parents and the jubilation of the graduates. Joy!

From Graduation Day comes a natural truth: desire to be a beautiful, living form, secure a piece of land to be, stay in one place long enough, dig in your roots, water your soul with a sense of purpose, “nerve up” for the wind and cold, examine the fertilizer to make sure it should be what it is—and wait—Joy!



Dr. Raper displays the framed and signed photo that the first baccalaureate class presented to him as a memento of the historic occasion.

(Photos by Patti O'Donoghue)



The three comrades—Wesley Beddard and Vicky Bell stroll on the downtown campus with Dr. James Coats, center. Coats, their former teacher and “boss” in the Business Department, currently serves as the first chairman of Mount Olive College’s new four-year business program.

COATS, BEDDARD AND BELL—COMRADES IN WORK AND STUDY

by Patti O'Donoghue
Director of Public Information

“The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man’s foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.”—Thomas Henry Huxley, distinguished 19th century English scientist and writer.

If Huxley were speaking today he would be right on target at Mount Olive College. Faculty and staff are continually stepping higher upon the academic ladder. But, there exists in the College Business Office a unique example that illustrates Huxley’s expression.

“Intelligent, hard-working, loyal and committed to Mount Olive College”—that’s how Dr. James A. Coats, chairman of

the new four-year business program, describes Wesley Beddard, assistant vice president for finance, and Vicky Bell, director of financial aid. Coats ought to know! He has been teacher, boss and mentor to both.

Beddard was a student at Mount Olive College from 1976 to 1978, and Miss Bell attended from 1977 to 1979. During that time Coats was teaching

business-related courses. The two young people were among his top students, and he encouraged them in their studies.

Coats’ “top students” earned their associate degrees at Mount Olive College and went on to receive bachelor degrees from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. During the same time, Coats began his studies to complete his doctor’s degree. Later they would again become

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associated, this time as employees in the Business Office of the College.

Beddard Advances

"At first I had planned to get my associate degree and go to work," remembers Beddard of his early days at Mount Olive. "It was during my sophomore year that I decided to pursue a business degree, and Mr. Coats suggested that I enroll at Atlantic Christian College." In December of 1980, Beddard graduated from ACC with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and business education.

"After graduation from ACC I already knew I wanted to get my MBA (master in business administration degree) and started the program at East Carolina University," says Beddard. "However, I had to get a job; so I left ECU to go to

work." Taking a job as manager/developer of a shoe store in Greensboro, Beddard occasionally visited his parents (Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beddard of Ayden) on the weekends.

"My mother (Elma Beddard) works for the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, and I got an advance copy of *THE BAPTIST* on one of my visits home," recalls Beddard. "I looked through the Mount Olive pages and saw an ad for the position of admissions counselor at the College. I typed a resume that night and dropped it off at the Admissions Office on my way back to work on Monday morning."

From September of 1982 to June of 1985, Beddard was a member of the admissions team of Mount Olive. "I loved working in admissions that first year when I was single," says Beddard. "When I married

Kaye I didn't want to travel as much, plus I started on my MBA again in the summer of 1984 with Campbell University. It became impossible to work on my graduate degree and do the admissions travel that was necessary. I considered leaving MOC."

Hearing that the College was going to create the position of assistant vice president for finance, Beddard expressed an interest in the job. In July of 1985 he began duties in the new position under James Coats, his former teacher.

Miss Bell Moves Ahead

"Mr. Coats was one of the best teachers I had here," recalls Miss Bell. "As I completed my required courses he was always available if I needed help." She received a bachelor of science degree in business education from ACC in December of 1981. "I returned in the spring of 1982 to complete requirements for a degree in business administration," she adds.

Upon graduation from ACC, Miss Bell's experiences were similar to Beddard's. "By June of 1982 I was job hunting and living at home in Mount Olive," she remembers. "There was an advertisement in the paper for a financial aid secretary at Mount Olive, so I applied; but the position was filled by someone else.

"The College needed a manager for the bookstore and I took the job, which I held for three months," says Miss Bell. In September of 1982 I began working as secretary to the vice president for finance, Mr. Coats."

When Betty Cobb, the director of financial aid, planned to get married and move to another city, the College began looking for someone to replace her.



Reviewing the budget—Wesley Beddard, assistant vice president for finance, left, reviews the 1986-87 budget with his new "boss" R. Clayton Everett, vice president for finance and treasurer at Mount Olive College. Beddard is a member of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Wayne County.



Discussing financial aid—Vicky Bell, director of financial aid, right, talks with rising senior Judy Tyndall of Dudley about financing her education. Miss Tyndall receives a Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant and an Honors Scholarship from Mount Olive College. She is a member of Piney Grove Church in Duplin County (photos by Patti O'Donoghue).

"I worked under Betty for the month of July, and she and Mr. Coats recommended me for the job," remembers Miss Bell. In August of 1983, she began duties as director of financial aid. In the summer of 1984, she, too, had enrolled in the Campbell University MBA program. Fortunately, she and Beddard were able to take classes with Campbell's extension program at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

Coats Has "Superhuman" Job

While working on his doctoral studies with North Carolina State University, Coats had an almost "superhuman" job, serving as the College's vice president for finance and treasurer and part-time business professor. As an administrator, Coats was responsible for the operation of the Business Office, Financial Aid Office, cafeteria, bookstore and the maintenance of buildings and grounds.

"During this time I was traveling all over the state taking courses on 'the adult learner,' the subject of my studies. I would attend classes in Raleigh, Kenansville or

Fayetteville once or twice a week," says Coats.

Tough Job Ahead

The really tough job lay ahead as Coats, Beddard, and Miss Bell balanced the important mission of helping to move the College to senior college status while at the same time pursuing their graduate studies.

Although he was working full-time and approaching the completion of his doctor's degree, Coats still found the time to assist his former students in their climb upon the academic ladder.

"Mr. Coats was super," says Beddard. "He empathized with us, because he was going through the same thing. He encouraged us, helped us with our class work, and let us have time off when we needed to study for exams."

"When I needed any help on course work or projects, Mr. Coats was right there," adds Miss Bell. "He even let me 'use' College personnel when I had a survey to do."

Their graduation days approached. The May 10 date for Coats was a mixed blessing.

After working so hard to help put the new four-year program together he could not attend Mount Olive's historic graduation exercises. He would be in Raleigh receiving his doctorate.

The May 12 graduation date for Beddard and Miss Bell at Campbell University was also nearing and the three comrades were busier than ever.

"I had to prepare my final report as vice president for finance and treasurer for the Board of Trustees," says Coats. "The new four-year business program required much of my time as our first baccalaureate degrees in business administration would be awarded on May 10.

"They put me right to work in the Business Office," says Beddard. "I was responsible for student accounts, supervision of the bookstore, maintenance of the campus, the cafeteria, working with the Development Office, and special projects.

"The first week in March I had a new boss, when Mr. Everett (R. Clayton Everett of Charlotte, the incoming vice president for finance and treasurer) came. We also hired a new director of food services and superintendent of buildings and grounds. It was interesting, to say the least!"

"It was one of the busiest times of the year in financial aid," says Miss Bell. "We were preparing the financial aid packages for the 1986-87 year and certifying loan applications.

"We coordinate the federal, state and institutional awards and counsel students and parents on the various types of aid available, how to apply, and the process we go through," says Miss Bell. "If they don't have enough aid to meet their needs, we explain loans that

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are available. We try to come up with the best possible package for each student."

Coats calls Beddard and Miss Bell, "Two fine young people who are just outstanding employees. You couldn't find any better people."

The struggle of balancing jobs and study upon the rungs of their academic ladders was nearing a close—for this time.

Dr. James A. Coats, Wesley E. Beddard and Vicky L. Bell received their graduate degrees and a benefit beyond price—a deep appreciation for one another as co-workers and friends in the Mount Olive College family.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE TO FEATURE "CREATIVE GROWTH DYNAMICS" FOUNDER

Dr. Harry H. Fowler, founder of Creative Growth Dynamics, Inc., will be the featured speaker at this year's Ministers' Institute. The Institute, which is sponsored jointly by Mount Olive College and the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists, is set for Monday, August 4, and Tuesday, August 5, at Mount Olive College.

"Dr. Fowler offers a program of church growth principles that ministers can implement in small, local churches," says the Rev. Frank Harrison, coordinator for the Institute. "The seminars will help ministers to study biblical growth principles, become more effective growth leaders, expand their church's outreach and develop evangelism strategy."

Fowler is a member of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, serving in a variety of positions as a member of the Home Missions Board and

as a youth leader, church consultant, teacher and speaker. He is also a member of the North Roanoke Baptist Association and has served as vice president of the Pastors' Conference, on the Missions and Evangelism Committee, and as chairman of the New Work Committee.

His education includes a doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He received his masters degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and bachelor's degree from East Carolina University, Greenville.

Ordained a Southern Baptist minister at age 23, he has pastored Baptist Churches in Stokes, Maysville, Oak City, Durham and Rocky Mount. In 1985 Fowler founded Creative Growth Dynamics, Inc.

Recommended reading for the Ministers' Institute is *Leading Your Church to*

Growth by C. Peter Wagner (Regal Books, 1984). The book may be ordered through the Free Will Baptist Press and its branch bookstores, including the Mount Olive College bookstore.

Registration is \$20 per person, and churches are urged to provide the fee for the minister and at least one lay person (more if possible). The registration fee includes a workbook.

The workshop will be held in College Hall. Lunch will be served in the College cafeteria at a cost of \$3 per meal.

Overnight accommodations may be arranged at the Southern Belle Motel in Mount Olive, telephone (919) 658-2502.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502, or at home, 658-9363.

"Developing An Evangelism Strategy Using Church Growth Principles" Dr. Harry H. Fowler, Director, Creative Growth Dynamics

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00- 9:30 a.m.—Coffee, Doughnuts, College Hall
9:30- 9:40 a.m.—Devotional

Session #1

9:40-10:45 a.m.—"Introduction to Church Growth"
10:45-11:00 a.m.—Break
11:00-12:15 p.m.—"Biblical Basis for Church Growth"
12:15- 1:30 p.m.—Lunch, Downtown Campus

Session #2

1:30- 2:30 p.m.—"Building Blocks of Church Growth—The Leadership Team"
2:30- 2:45 p.m.—Break
2:45- 4:00 p.m.—"Structuring for Growth"

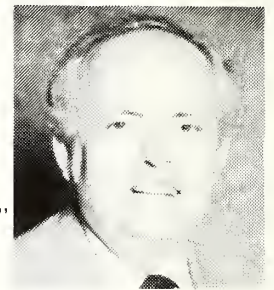
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Session #3

9:00- 9:30 a.m.—Coffee, Doughnuts, College Hall
9:30- 9:40 a.m.—Devotional
9:40-10:45 a.m.—"Seven Steps to the Harvest"
10:45-11:00 a.m.—Break
11:00-12:15 p.m.—"Workshop: Implementing Seven Steps"
12:15- 1:30 p.m.—Lunch, Downtown Campus

Session #4

1:30- 2:30 p.m.—"Developing an Evangelism Strategy"
2:30- 2:45 p.m.—Break
2:45- 4:00 p.m.—"Workshop: Implementing the Evangelism Strategy"



**FREE WILL BAPTISTS
NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST**

The spring Dean's List has been published at Mount Olive College. The list, which is published twice a year, honors students who attain high scholastic standing. To qualify for Dean's List students must be attending Mount Olive on a full-time basis, have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher and must not have received a grade below a "C" in any subject for the semester.

Free Will Baptists who were named to the spring Dean's List are: Melissa D. Carver of Matthews, Heritage Church in Union County; the Rev. Charles Barnard of Goldsboro, Casey's Chapel Church in Wayne County; Janet Pridgen and Vicki Pridgen of Goldsboro, Stoney Creek Church in Wayne County; Kelvin Coates and Terry Coates of Mount Olive and Andrew Overman of Dudley, May's Chapel Church in Wayne County; Norma Reardon of Mount Olive, Snow Hill Church in Duplin County; Debbie Outlaw of Mount Olive, Rooty Branch Church in Duplin County; and Judy Tyndall of Dudley, Junie Harper of Albertson, and Tanya Newson of Deep Run, Piney Grove Church in Duplin County.

Also honored are: Patricia Bunn of Pikeville, Pleasant Hill Church in Wayne County; David Rigsby of Pikeville, Living Waters Church in Wayne County; Olivia Fountain of Chinquapin, Bethlehem Church in Duplin County; Beverly Rouse of Beulaville, Mount Zion Church in Onslow County; Teresa Hines of Kinston, Kinston, First Church, in Lenoir County; Joseph Ard of Pink Hill, Christian Chapel Church in Lenoir County; Roney Bunn III, of Kenly, Marsh Swamp Church in

Wilson County; Joyce Wall and Ruby Wall of Selma, Micro Church in Johnston County; Wanda Jones of Pine Level, Pine Level Church in Johnston County; Laura Langdon of Four Oaks, Hopewell Church in Johnston County; and Oliver Godwin and Pandora Register Tyndall of Dunn, Shady Grove Church in Sampson County.

Others named to the list include: Franklin Baggett of Jacksonville, Daly's Chapel

Church in Lenoir County; Michael Hodges of Vanceboro, Juniper Chapel Church in Craven County; Victor Jones Jr., of Ernul, New Haven Church in Craven County; Lori Elks of Grifton, Elm Grove Church in Pitt County; Lisa Godwin of Black Creek, Daniels Chapel Church in Wilson; Susan Bass of Kenly, Piney Grove Church in Johnston County; and Anne Bass of Raleigh, Wilson, First Church, in Wilson County.

APPLICATIONS UP AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Applications for new students coming to Mount Olive College in the fall are up 47 percent. Confirmations are up 23 percent.

For this reason Mount Olive College expects to have a fall enrollment of 500 students for the first time in its history.

Applications for the 1986-87 year are still being accepted, and financial aid is available.

The fall semester begins on August 24, when the freshmen move into the dorms. Registration is on the 27th and classes begin on the 28th.

The admissions staff is available during the hours of 8 a.m.—5 p.m. on weekdays to answer questions and conduct tours of the campus. The telephone number is (919) 658-2502. Call us today!

**MARY RACHAEL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
(MARSH SWAMP CHURCH) VISITS MOUNT OLIVE**



Marsh Swamp F.W.B. Church

First row (left to right):

Janna Nichols, Kesha Liles, Mary Rachael Miller, Dora Bunn, Roney B. Bunn Jr.

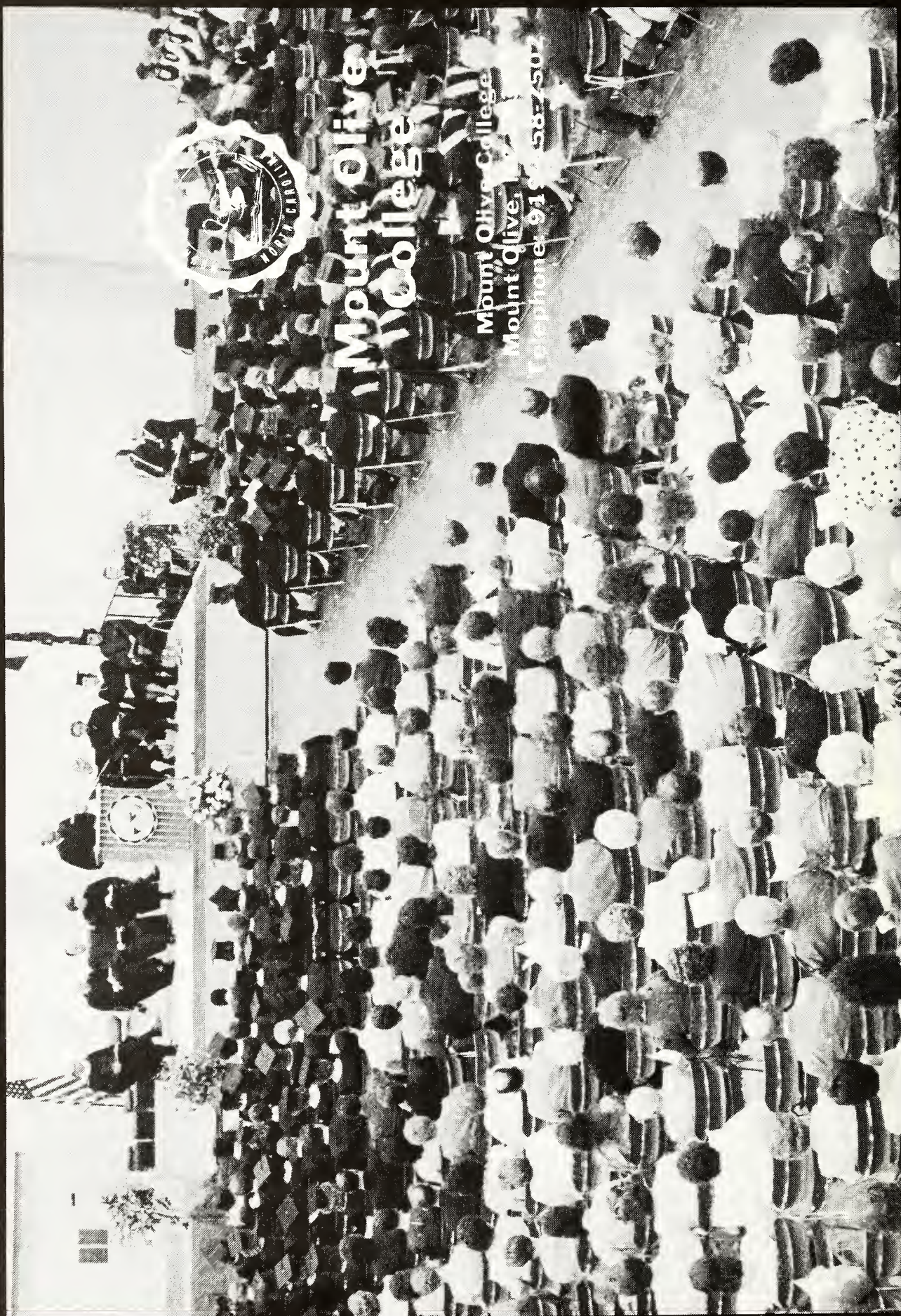
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Joan Parker, Jean Boyette, Doris Rae Fulghum, Doris Lee Boyette, Carolyn Boyette, Patsy Vick.

Third row:

Janet Nichols, Donnie Parker, Donald Fulghum, Bobby Sid Boyette, L. A. Boyette Jr., Durwood Vick.

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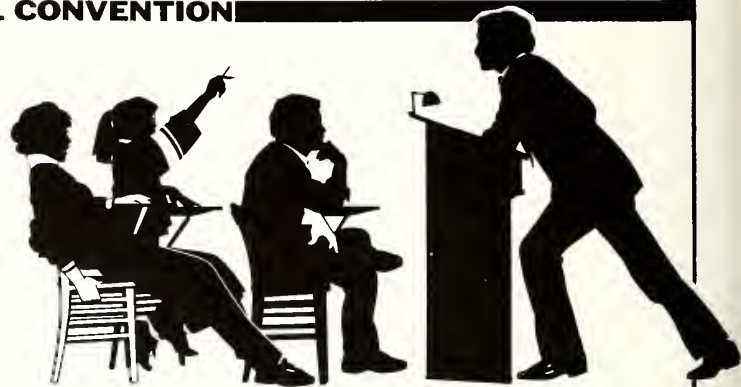
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY?

Why not plan one in your church? Set aside a Sunday to celebrate your Sunday School. Start it in your Sunday School assembly and continue it in your morning worship service.

Here are some things you could do. Recognize and honor your teachers and officers. Let someone give a brief history of your Sunday School. Ask the pastor to prepare a sermon on the importance of the Sunday School in the church. Recognize whole classes. Ask some persons to share their testimonies about how the Sunday School has enriched their lives and what it means to them. And why not take a special offering for the Sunday School Convention to help it in its work of improving our Sunday Schools?

I am often asked, "What's wrong with the Sunday School?" "Why is it declining?" Part of the answer is that we do not promote the Sunday School as we should. We cannot continue to assume that every person knows how important it is and its purpose. We must keep the Sunday School constantly before the people. If it's important, then we will promote it, make announcements, talk about it every chance we get, and plan programs like the above to celebrate it.

I want to ask you a question, "What are you doing to promote your Sunday School?" In what ways are you saying to your people, "The Sunday School is very important! You need to be actively supporting it and involved in it"?



A NEW WORKSHOP

This is a new program we have to offer our churches. The Field Secretary will come to your church, perhaps on a Wednesday night, and give a teaching demonstration. He will teach a lesson and use in it a great variety of teaching methods and activities. The purpose is to have teachers observe some effective teaching methods and be enabled to use them better.

The workshop is two hours. The first hour is for the presentation of the lesson. The last hour is for an analysis and discussion of the teaching methods used in the presentation.

If you would like to schedule it in your church, call or write: Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530; phone 734-8378. He has some schedule openings in August.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Looking for a way to honor those outstanding teachers in your Sunday School? Nominate them to be Teacher of the Year.

It's easy. Just write to me and I will send you all the forms and information you need.

Get the forms and fill them out soon. The deadline for getting them in is December 1.

The first award will be presented at the March, 1987, meeting of the Sunday School Convention. All teachers nominated will be recognized.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Sunday School Convention has programs and persons to help improve your Sunday School. To see just what we offer and how we can be of service to you, call the member of our board who is nearest to you. They are: Donald Coates in Pine Level (934-2727), Lynette Summerlin in Garner (772-3537), Gary Burbage in Bath (964-4429), Doug Skinner in Arapahoe (249-1484), C. H. Overman in Ayden (746-3630), Jack Bircher in Cove City (638-8321), Frank Grubbs in Pink Hill (568-3035), Elwood Hill in Deep Run (568-4692), and Marice DeBruhl in New Bern (637-5468).

GOOD NEWS FROM PITT COUNTY

Recently I have been meeting with many of the Free Will Baptist ministers in Pitt County. The purpose was to discuss the needs of their Sunday Schools and find ways to meet those needs.

After considerable discussion and planning, the group has tentatively decided to offer a series of seminars during September. The general theme for the seminars is "The Ministry of the Sunday School." The goal is to help Sunday School workers and the whole church see the Sunday School as a vital ministry, and to begin equipping them to better carry out that ministry. Also, practical ideas will be set forth on how to minister and how the Sunday School can grow.

Plans and specific programs are being finalized. Look in upcoming issues of *The Free Will Baptist* for dates, times, places, and more details about the topics to be covered. For further information, call Harry Grubbs (756-8585) or J. B. Narron (756-7609).

A CONSTANT NEED

What for? For new teaching ideas and activities. As a teacher, this is certainly a need I have. From talking with other teachers, I know I am not alone.

There are many fine publications that can help meet this constant need. Let me share a few of them with you.

CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

Subscription Services
P.O. Box 801
Nashville, TN 37202

This is an outstanding magazine. It has articles on a great variety of topics relating to the Sunday School. For example, a recent issue had articles on the pastor's role in the Sunday School, making the most of your facilities, how to promote the Sunday School, starting new classes, ministering to visitors, guiding class discussion, and much more.

One of the sections I find most helpful is "Idea Exchange." It shares ideas proven successful in Sunday Schools throughout America.

It is published four times a year. One year's subscription is \$11.75. If ordered in bulk, it's only \$2.35 per quarter. It's well worth it.

JED SHARE

132 W. 31 Street
New York, NY 10001
(212) 239-8700

The "JED" stands for "Joint Educational Development." It's a publication which grows out of a partnership of denominations doing Christian education together. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, opinions, and suggestions in Christian education.

Each issue gives informed, practical articles and ideas on teaching and the whole educational ministry of the church. It too has a section for the exchange of creative ideas and activities in Christian education. Also, it previews recently published materials on education for pastors, superintendents, parents, along with audio visuals and Vacation Bible School materials.

JED SHARE is published by the United Church Press. It's a quarterly publication. Yearly subscriptions are \$8. If ten or more are sent to one address, the cost is \$7 each.



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BAPTIST LEADER

American Baptist Churches
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482

This is a top-notch publication. It's full of indepth materials on all aspects of teaching and Christian education. Any person involved in Christian education in the church will find it a valuable resource.

It has five main sections. The first has articles for educational leaders. The second has materials for those who teach children. The third concentrates on Christian education with youth. The fourth has helpful articles for those who teach adults. The last one has lesson aids for upcoming lessons in the Uniform Series.

BAPTIST LEADER is published monthly. A year's subscription is \$15.75.

PARISH TEACHER

Augsburg Publishing House
Box 1209
Minneapolis, MN 55440

This publication packs a lot of information in its eight pages. It reviews new educational resources, has articles on teaching all age groups, and an idea exchange.

It's published ten times a year. It costs \$4.75 per year.

KEY TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Standard Publishing Company
8121 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

This magazine has something for every educational worker in the church. It has a section for teachers of every age group. The articles are very practical and easy for teachers to adapt.

It is published quarterly. For information on cost and how to order, call the Press in Ayden and ask for Mr. Cliff Gray.

PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADULT LEADERSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Materials Services Department
127 Ninth Avenue, North
Nashville, TN 37234

These five magazines are published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. I point this out because one of the drawbacks is that they heavily promote Southern Baptist programs and materials. In fact, such promotion seems to be their primary purpose. This makes them of less value to non-Southern Baptists. However, they do contain some helpful materials.

Some of them are quarterly and others are monthly publications. They range in price from \$6.25 to \$9.50.

Now you might well ask, "Which publication is best for us?" The best way to answer that question is to write for a sample copy of each one. Examine them. Let your teachers review them. Then you can decide which ones would be most helpful.

All of these publications are written by and published by other denominations or interdenominational organizations. I have a dream that one day we will write and publish our own magazines for Sunday School workers. The Sunday School Convention would gladly assume this responsibility. However, there is the matter of finances. When we are financially able, we will make this a high priority. With your continued prayers and support, we can do this and much more.

BOOK REVIEWS

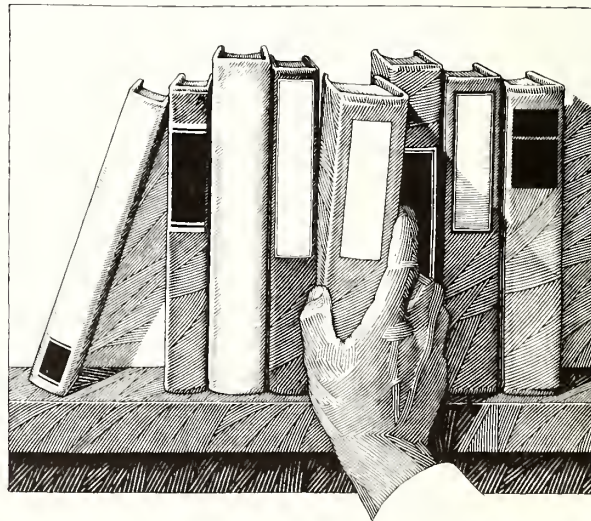
Encouragers: The Sunday School Worker's Counseling Ministry, by James E. Taulman. The Foreword is by Wayne E. Oates. It was published in 1986 by Broadman Press.

Want to do your teachers and Sunday School a great service? Get them this book! Buy every teacher a copy and give it to them at the beginning of the Sunday School year. It will change how they see and do teaching.

This book sees teaching as a ministry and teachers as ministers. It shows the biblical basis for this view. But it does more. It gives practical and well-illustrated advice on how to minister to persons. It's the best book I've seen on the topic.

Growth: A New Vision for the Sunday School. It was written by three leading experts in church growth—Charles Arn, Donald McGavran, and Win Arn. Church Growth Press published it in 1980. However, it has been reprinted five times!

This is the best book I have read on Sunday School growth. It's full of insights and practical suggestions. It's an eye-opening book! It's a positive, hopeful, and encouraging presentation of how God can still use the Sunday School to reach persons for Christ. If read and used, your Sunday School will grow!



WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR

by Dr. E. M. Lall

Having enjoyed the fellowship with the Free Will Baptists in North Carolina and Georgia, we reached back home safely around November 20th. The moment we landed on the soil of our country we got involved in the work of our church. How much we tried to keep pace with the work awaiting us, which could be completed by the end of March. Then three more important works had to be taken and finalized just recently. Even though this news bulletin is considerably late, it is an appraisal of our involvement in the hard task of four months.

Our heartfelt thanks go to God for blessing us and our work in many ways. The impossible task was made possible to us! We could hardly imagine and really wonder at how the greatest things have been accomplished. Our God is a God of miracle even today and forever!

The foundation of the First Free Will Baptist church under construction had been laid when the funds were completely exhausted. When I returned from North Carolina I was met with the gloomy situation that since the construction of the church had stopped, it was causing amusement to all sorts of people, which was disappointing to our people. Myself, my secretary Pramod March, and our ministers and deacons of that neighborhood assembled in my office and cried out to the Lord to help us complete the construction of the church. Believing that charity begins at home, we contributed to the best of our ability and asked the minister concerned, the Rev. Puttan Masih, to go ahead with

the planned construction of the church, while the local ministers got busy in raising donations and gifts for the church building. We were also in constant effort that the church building be completed as early as possible. While it took some time, the Lord heard and answered our prayers and we were able to complete the construction of this first sanctuary under the banner of the Free Will Baptist denomination in our country.

There was urgent need to complete the boundary wall of our Sirauli church cum school building. Though there were no designated funds available for this work, the Lord provided this need also.

There was extra work in going through the records, deeds as well as the relevant

documents in respect of three places where the school buildings have been put under construction.

Our church funds to the tune of \$3,643 had gone astray as far back as in 1984 and were not traceable in the banks. I had to be on my toes and the Lord helped us get the money in our church account.

Two sessions of evangelism training programs were held during March, which were meaningful to our rural ministers and deacons. Since the Free Will Baptist Church in India is in its 11th year of field work, the church anniversary was celebrated with great triumph. Approximately 600 Free Will Baptists, comprising ministers, deacons and one delegate from each of the

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Dedication Service at Dhaunra Tanda



First Free Will Baptist Church, Dhaunra Tanda completed

church congregations, participated in this historic function. One more worship place built by a local congregation was dedicated for regular worship service. All our efforts are now under way to seek recognition of our elementary schools from the State Government so that they may be treated no differently than the government schools.

The church in India is thankful to the Free Will Baptists in the United States of America for their consistent giving, praying and encouraging the work in His vineyard. It is with this reality that the work of God is growing rapidly under the banner of our church denomination.

As in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The Bible says we shall reap if we faint not and need not doubt.

LOGOI STUDY PROGRAM FOR OUR PASTOR'S GROUP IN MEXICO

by the Rev. Antonio Escobar



Mexican pastors involved in Logoi study

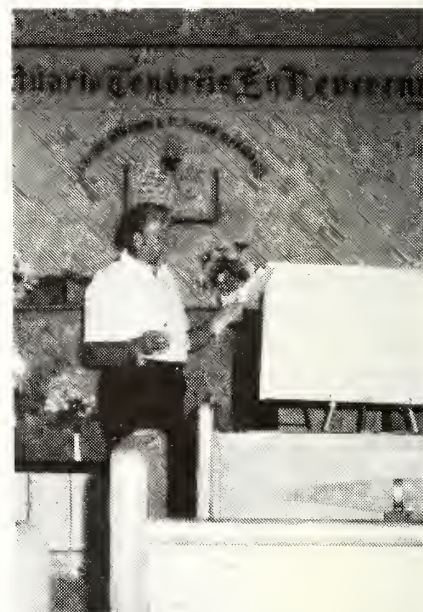
The LOGOI theological studies program has been made possible by the effort of the Foreign Missions Board. We believe this effort has not been in vain. It has succeeded in its purpose and design to bring a better ministry to all believers.

After the first year of its beginning, all of our pastors have been made better ministers and teachers of the Word. This being so, we also believe that we have a better prepared people, consistent in their work to obtain a better

service to our Lord. We believe, too, that it is not only the pastor's work to guide the lost to salvation, but to teach them what Jesus says in His Word (Matthew 28:20).

And we believe that we now have that type of minister who can not only preach and teach but who is capable of pastoring a church.

Our appreciation to the Board of Missions and churches that have made this study possible. God bless you is our prayer.



Mr. John Carpenter, Logoi representative

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER

from the Rev. Antonio Escobar

First, I do want to tell you that the work here is making very good progress. Many new and good things are happening in new areas. For us it is a time of crisis; problems with and in our government have made it difficult for every family here. Prices have gone way up, the economy is way down and there is very little or no work for many people. We have all been affected by the real crisis that exists. But our Lord is great and He has supplied all of our needs.

Second, out of all of this something very important is happening; the churches as well as the pastors are holding faith and trust in the promises of our Lord, the gospel is being preached with greater fervency, and the Lord is reaching the lost.

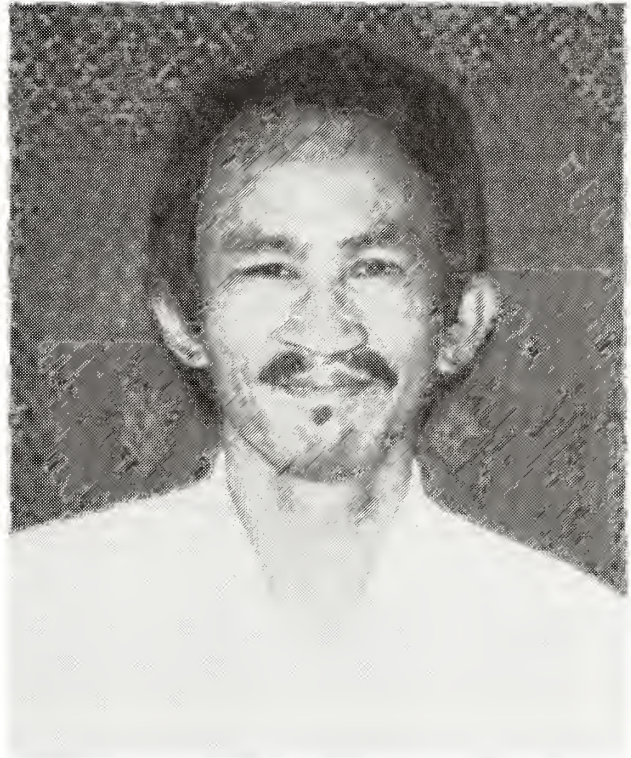
We ask for your prayers in this our time of hardship, that the Lord will bless all of our work in our fields of endeavor and in the programs that the churches are putting out for the lost.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONS RALLY

SEPTEMBER 17, 1986—7:30 P.M.



The Rev. Pio dela Rosa



The Rev. Roger Malinao

The Board of Foreign Missions is in charge of the Rally this year. This will be a very special Rally. We will have visitors with us from the Philippines for the first time since our work was started there. The Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, will bring greetings and a word of testimony. The Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible College, will deliver the message at the Rally. The Grubbs Family will be commissioned for service to the Philippines. There will also be some very special music that you don't want to miss.

It is believed this will be the greatest Rally we have ever had. You can make it so by attending and bringing someone with you. The Rally will be held in College Hall on the campus of Mount Olive College.



WORLD OF SILENCE— SO DEAFENING!

Jasmine Albertson's Story
Written by Francis Nethercutt

If God could not speak nor understand your language, would you want to go to Heaven? I had never considered such an idea until my six-year-old deaf son asked, "Mama, does God know how to sign?" Profoundly, in his innocent child manner, Britt was letting me know that he did not want to go anywhere where people could not communicate with him. However, the vastness of this comment apparently lingered in my subconscious for years, even though I offered immediate comfort with, "Why, yes, Britt. He does." And life continued for our family of four like most any other—or so I thought.

It was not until I earned a degree in deaf education and began my daily teaching routine at ENCSD (Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson) that I gained more insight into the repercussions of living in a soundless world: no sounds at home, at school, at church, no sound anywhere! This awareness brought no enlightenment, only a heartfelt burden.

Ours being a Christian family, I saw a need for not only my child but also for those that daily surrounded me. But as Britt grew older, the problem just seemed to magnify itself. He could not participate in any church activity; he could only observe from his isolated world. Too, I was astounded once I realized that there

was no place for him in the church of today . . . no AFC group, no Vacation Bible School, no camp, nothing. The deaf were forced to live in the world of the hearing, yet could not be a part of it. This revelation urged me and my spouse to do—at least to try—something. Frightened at undertaking such a project, we vowed to do our part by providing a summer camp at Eagle's Nest. Everything, every activity had to be geared to meet the needs of participants.

Now the word *difficult* could not possibly describe the situation we faced. Whereas singing incorporates forty to sixty percent of "our" church programs, the deaf hear no music, hear no words; therefore, we focused on their abilities. The basic communication there had to be ASL (American Sign Language) and various forms of literature. We had camp, and praise the Lord, we saw lives changed and souls saved!

Almost thinking our mission had been accomplished, I was shocked as reality edged its way into our lives and the picturesque image became just that, an image. Camp Eagle's Nest was a success, yes—but, that was only one of fifty-two weeks in a year that their spiritual needs were met! Then as our son became a teenager, the torments of being an observer in

church services became a paramount concern for me. He was soon going to have to make important decisions about the kind of life he wanted to live, and I knew the church was not reaching North Carolina's deaf children. Perhaps that is why I was not utterly shocked when I found that once most were old enough to get out on their own, they quit attending the "ritual" of church.

How fortunate we "Christians" were to sit in church every Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and had the opportunity for additional services or gatherings throughout the week. We basked in our salvation and in the love of God. We swayed to the rhythm of the music, were uplifted by testimonies, enjoyed sweet voices singing, and heard how God loved us. Then each Monday I was startled by facing the fact that ENCS D students knew nothing about all this—things we Christians took for granted. "Hypocritical" only vaguely described my feelings. Ever so tormented by these haunting Mondays, I decided that something had to be done not only for my child but also for all the others. The Holy Spirit revealed to me that when I got to Heaven, those who had not heard had little chances of being there.

Still confused and concerned, I grappled for the words to share with my husband so he would sense the intensity of the burden Christ had placed within my heart. Not being a part of deaf society at the school as I was each day, it was hard for Dale—no, it was impossible for him to comprehend the magnitude of it all. Thus, my internal struggle continued and heightened. For while unaware church-goers belabored decisions dealing with padded pews versus unpadded, which Bible translation to use, choice of chairman, etc., the very foundation of my faith seemed to be crumbling beneath me.

In total desperation, I told my husband that I could no longer go to work, teach, and live with myself while totally ignoring what God had shown to me. An inner voice echoed loudly . . . "No one is responsible until they are made aware of it, but you now know those without hearing are not being reached!" I longed to rationalize all this away. The battle within raged . . . were these feelings of a mother? an educator? a Christian? What was I to do specifically? How was I to do it? As questions bewildered my conscious mind, tears flowed uncontrollably until I could no longer ignore the calling!

Ironically, during the anguishing struggle

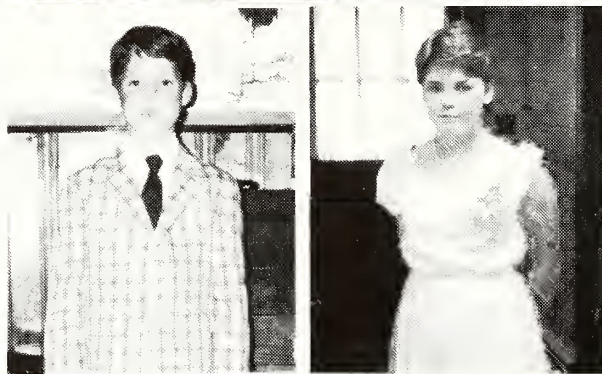
with my emotions and heart, the Lord was revealing to Dale the need. It was after reading *The Forgotten People* by Catherine Brandt that my husband's soul was stirred. He saw that truly the deaf had been pushed aside and were not a part of society. They could not speak for themselves and it was simply easier for us to ignore them rather than help. Yes, a few churches provided interpreters but even that was ineffective: the deaf communicate using different sentence structures than the speaking public and interpreters sign standard English—really two entirely different languages. In essence, attending church with those of us who hear is like being in a service where everyone speaks a language that you do not understand. How long would we continue going to such gatherings?

While the Lord was dealing with Dale, I was in bitter agony: I either had to quit going to church—besides, all I did was cry—or I had to follow the Lord's leading down that fearful, unsure path. Someone had to offer regular meetings to share the gospel with the deaf. As at camp, all had to be focused on communication with those who could attend. Use their actual first language, for "our English" is their second language: Nonhearing people are actually bilingual. This meant that I had to live in their world, not they in mine. These services would have no hand clapping, no music, no songs. Every word would have to be signed or mimed!

Both my husband and I felt led to search for a minister who was himself deaf for that initial gathering. We had no idea what that simple-seeming decision encompassed: the closest one we could locate was in Louisiana! Was he willing? No, he was beyond that . . . he was eager! The minister came and our first meeting, a mini-revival, was greeted with enthusiasm. So receptive were those in attendance, that meetings have been held regularly on Friday nights and now a minute few in our soundless society "hear" the gospel and experience genuine fellowship!

My husband and I could not let them be *The Forgotten People* any longer, and we have been encouraged by Matthew 25:40: ". . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We cannot allow a world of silence to deafen these special ones to the gospel! Because they've lost their hearing it must not be that they will also lose their souls.



Martha, Dorothy,
Stephen, and Donna.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

This season of the year is a time for reflection as well as for planning the future. It is an especially exciting and important time for many of our children. The past few weeks were filled with a piano recital, end-of-school cookout, school graduation and promotions.

Debbie, eighteen years old, graduated from Southern Nash Senior High on June 11. She is planning to attend Wilson Tech in the fall to enter the early childhood associate degree program. She will remain in the Free Will Baptist Children's Home while attending school.

Two of our teenage girls, Cindy and Donna B., were promoted to senior high school, while Loretta and Donna M. graduated from elementary school and will attend Southern Nash Junior High in the fall.

Our youngest child on campus, Joann, six years old, graduated from kindergarten. She has made tremendous progress this school year. We are very proud of these girls and their accomplishments!

On May 20, three of our residents, Martha, Dorothy and Donna M., participated in the annual piano recital at Middlesex Elementary School. They have been taking lessons throughout the school year and their hard work was evidenced by their performances.

Just two days later on May 22 the Kenly Young Women's Club (Joann's sponsor) gave Dean's cottage an end-of-school cookout. This club has been on campus on numerous occasions to spend time with the children and to share their love. The children enjoyed the hot dog cookout as well as the time spent with these ladies.

On June 11, five of our girls were discharged from group care. Four of these children returned to their families. The other child entered foster care in another county in preparation for adoption. We miss these girls and our thoughts and prayers go with them.

After the summer vacation of June 13-22, most of our children attended one of three camps:

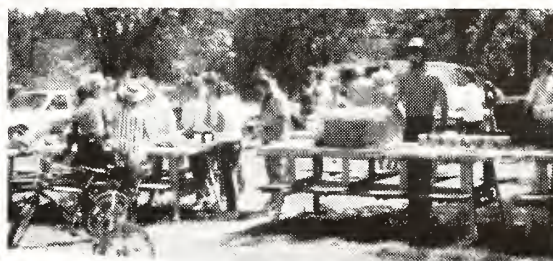
Cragmont, 4-H, and Mount Olive Basketball Camp. The children had been looking forward to this special time when they could relax, make new friends and enjoy a change of scenery.

The Summer Youth Employment Training Program began at the home on June 23. Our youths age fourteen and up are participating in this program. Each child has a specific job responsibility on campus whether it is in the maintenance department, office or assisting the cottage supervisors. Their work week consists of 28 hours work plus 4 hours of classroom time. The class work consists of learning to prepare resumes, conducting mock job interviews, and making some career choices.

SUMMER DAYS

The summer days of fun and games began at the Children's Home thanks to our Casey's Chapel Church family from Goldsboro. Saturday, May 10, was spent with the children enjoying a cookout fit for a king. Hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches, an assortment of drinks and cupcakes, cupcakes, *and* cupcakes were happily consumed by both children and adults. It was difficult to say who enjoyed the day most—or who ate the most! In addition to the cookout and visiting with the children, a tour was made of the campus. The church members were very impressed with our recently remodeled recreation center. This remodeling was made possible by the State Youth Convention, who requested the recreation center as their special project last year.

Before leaving, the Casey's Chapel Church members received current issues of *Children's Home Life* and



Historical Summaries. Many of them had their names added to the Children's Home mailing list. We thank them for their loving support of the Children's Home.



THEY DID IT AGAIN

"Our" motorcycle club, "The Group," came for its semi-annual visit on Sunday, June 1. Our children always look forward to this outing.

Sunday was no disappointment to our children; Ed Savage, president of the club, and the rest of "The Group" made sure of that. Ed along

with his whistle led the games consisting of "Potatoes in the Hay" and a "Wiener Bite Contest." When you have thirteen children looking for twelve potatoes in a pile of hay, things really get exciting. The best part is when you come to the finish with one potato left and two children, each with his own cheering section and the heat is on to see who will end up the winner. What? Bite a wiener covered with mustard, hanging from a pole by a string, while riding a motorcycle? "Impossible!" you say. Well, not quite. Several of our children, as well as Mr. Taylor, managed to master this game.

For our evening meal we had a "wiener roast picnic," with all the trimmings. After eating, "The Group" gave each child several rides each on the motorcycles. Our exciting day ended with the children and "The Group" very reluctantly saying good-bye.



SOCIAL WORKER IN BLOOM

One of our social workers, Beth Tart, has requested a leave of absence beginning June 6. She is making some big plans for the summer, which include an extended beach vacation, lots of shopping and plenty of eating. In fact, she has already gained an embarrassing amount of weight and has had to buy a new wardrobe. But we are not ashamed of her. Rather, we congratulate her on the expected August addition to the Tart family.

To Beth may we say, we hope it will be a darling daughter. And to Jim we say, may it be a handsome son. Either way, congratulations! (And hurry back, Beth!)

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AT MARSH SWAMP CHURCH honored the mothers of the church on May 11 during the morning worship service.

Auxiliary President Dora Bunn, assisted by Emogene Boyette, presented potted geraniums to the youngest mother present, Beth Strother Watson; and the oldest mother present (also the one with the most children), Rosa Tedder.

Mrs. Bunn also read a poem, "A Walk for Mother," written by auxiliary member Lottie Boykin.

A WALK FOR MOTHER

Just suppose as you entered this church on Mother's Day.
You were asked to sit at the front if your mother lives
And at the back if God has called her away.
And as the events of your life unfold,
"Each year sit where it's proper" you are told.

The ones at the back shed a few tears,
As they think back over her living years.
What comfort she brought when she was there,
And the togetherness she made with her love and care.
For each little thing you did that wasn't just right,
There was a reason you did it for you were perfect in her sight.
The family's not as close as it was then,
Her place can't be filled, but you just pretend.

To the ones up front they're happy and content,
Because perhaps they'll see her before the day is spent.
They'll some way touch her if they can,
But if they can't, she'll understand.
My advice is to think how it'll be without her,
Remember to enjoy your mother and never, never doubt her.

For when it's your time, that walk to the back to make,
It'll be one of the saddest ones you'll ever take.

THE CAPE FEAR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP met at Shady Grove Church on May 3, with 205 people present. Genesis Mission won the youth banner with 22 young people, and the overall attendance banner went to Riverside Church.

The August cook-out will be held at Cumberland County Park, beginning at 4 p.m., on August 2.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE BOARD OF ORDINATION will meet on July 8, at 10 a.m., at Unity Church, located in Wilson. Anyone having business with the board is asked to attend.

MT. TABOR CHURCH, Route 2, Creswell, has scheduled a series of revival services for August 4-8. The Rev. Dan Rivers will deliver the message each evening. Special music will be highlighted throughout the series. The services will begin each night at 8. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE

The telephone numbers given in the *YEARBOOK* for the Rev. David Ricks, pastor of Peace Church, Pinetops, and Tom Ricks, superintendent of Peace Church, were incorrectly cited. The correct number for each is 823-5348. Please make note of this correction.

CHURCHES AVAILABLE

Wardens Grove Church, Lowland, is looking for a pastor. (The church does have a parsonage.) Anyone interested in providing services to this church should contact Roscoe Rice (745-3669) or Earl Sadler (745-3885).

Jackson Heights Church, with God's leadership, is seeking an experienced pastor. We have a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 250 people, with an

educational wing and Fellowship Hall. Also, we have a three bedroom parsonage located on the church grounds. The present Sunday School enrollment is 86.

The church is located in the Jackson Heights neighborhood, approximately 5 miles south of Kinston, North Carolina. Through prayer and God's leadership the congregation asks that you send your resume to Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, c/o Dexter Barnett, 3402 Barnett Lane, Kinston, NC 28501; or call 523-2926 after 7 p.m.

MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. James Warren of Kinston, NC, announces that he is available for full-time or part-time church work. Any interested church should contact him by writing to him at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, NC 28501; or by calling 527-1648.

LOTTERY PUSH PICKS UP STEAM

Opposition to state lotteries in the South has been characterized as formidable as Stonewall Jackson's stand against the Yankees in the Civil War era. However, pro-lottery supporters take heart in the fact that Stonewall Jackson failed, and they think the South's solid stand against gambling is about to crumble.

With federal revenues to the states drying up due to Gramm-Rudman-Hollins and the pressure for more money to education, lottery pushers are looking to 1987 as the time to make their big move in the North Carolina General Assembly. This makes the 1986 legislative races so crucial. If enough pro-gambling candidates get elected this fall, the gambling industry will have won the war. A state-wide lottery proposal was only defeated in a cliff-hanging

tie vote in the Senate during the 1985 session. Lt. Governor Robert Jordan refused to break the tie vote, thus killing the bill.

Things look bleak for the 1987 session unless more anti-gambling candidates get elected.

'Good Chance'

"We're considered the Baptist Belt, but things have been known to change." State Senator J. J. "Monk" Harrington (D-Bertie) was quoted in a recent interview in the Richmond (VA) *Times-Dispatch*, Harrington voted for the lottery but then changed his vote on the final reading, thus creating the tie. "They (the Baptists) didn't want liquor-by-the-drink, but we got it and it has not been detrimental at all."

He said with a little more grass-roots support, a lottery would have a good chance in the North Carolina Senate.

If gambling proponents can silence the pulpits, then the battle is over and the war is won.

**STORES PULL
PORNO MAGAZINES**

The Southland Corporation has announced that its 4,500 7-ELEVEN stores will no longer offer *Playboy*, *Penthouse* and *Forum* magazines after the May issues.

Jere W. Thompson, president of the Dallas-based operation, stated that the 3,500 franchised 7-ELEVEN stores will also be encouraged to adopt the new policy.

The Southland Corporation has been the target of pickets, letters, and phone calls by concerned citizens nation-wide for its executives to pull these publications from their shelves.

Thompson stated that the decision was finally determined due to testimony given before the U. S. Attorney General's

Commission on Pornography—linking such publications with anti-social behavior.

Research Damaging

Professor Judith Reisman, Washington's American University researcher, reported that magazines like *Playboy* and *Penthouse* show a startling high percentage of cartoons which depict children having sex with older people—28.8 percent.

During the past 30 years, 29 percent of the cartoons in such publications also depicted children involved in a "murdering or maiming activity," according to Reisman.

The research project was intended to depict this "generation's treatment of children, crime, and violence, over a period of time."

Such reports as this no doubt triggered Southland's change of mind. In fact, some weeks ago, Doug Reed, spokesman for 7-ELEVEN had said, "We plan no change in policy." But they did!

7-ELEVEN stores have been known as the nation's top porno retailer with sales around \$30 million annually. Stopping such

sales will be an additional blow to the porno industry along with other troubles.

Circulation Drops

USA TODAY recently reported that *Playboy* magazine's circulation has fallen from a high of seven million in the '70's to a current 4.1 million. With 7-ELEVEN stores being their largest distributor, their circulation figures will drop even more.

Also the *Playboy* TV Channel's subscriptions have fallen from 775,000 to a current 680,000 with cable TV companies announcing regularly of dropping the channel.

The three *Playboy*-owned clubs are losing millions. (*Playboy* Enterprises reported a recent loss of \$2 million, blaming the clubs.)

On April 4th, 75 *Playboy* employees were laid off.

To stem the tide, *Playboy* is now offering advertising support, legal aid and public relations' help for stores that will continue to sell the porno magazines. *Playboy* is working closely with the American Civil Liberties Union to protect pornography sales.

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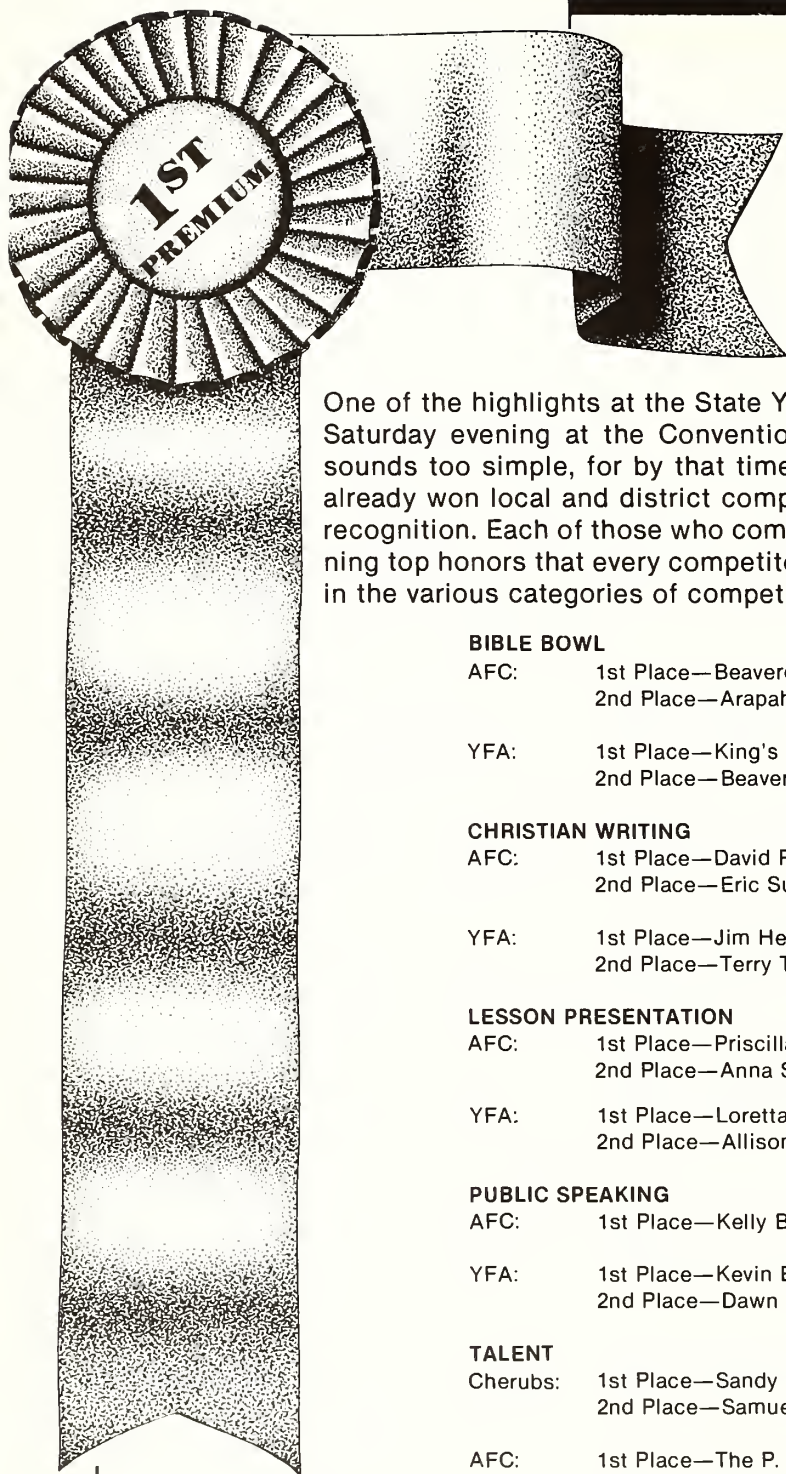
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2nd Place—Ben Manning; Hickory Grove Church; Central Conference

AFC: 1st Place—Russ Overton; Hickory Chapel Church; Albemarle Conference
2nd Place—Mary Edie Mason; Haymount Church; Cape Fear Conference

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UNSUNG MELODIES

No one cared. He was just another drunk being admitted to the hospital. A charity case, at that, one among hundreds to come that day. He had been brought in from the Bowery—another synonym for filth, loneliness, cheap booze, drugs and disease. The details of what happened were rather fuzzy; but no one really seemed to care.

His recent past was the antithesis of his earlier years. The Bowery became the dead-end street of an incredible life. But all that was over. He "lived" in a twenty-five-cents-a-night flophouse, the kind of place you hear of but never want to see . . . "full of stinking humanity too miserable to describe." He was one among many whose health and hope were gone.

On that chilly winter morning, a mere shell of a man who looked twice his age staggered to the wash basin and fell. The basin toppled and shattered. He was found lying in a heap, bleeding from a deep gash in his throat. His forehead was bruised and he was semiconscious. The doctor who was called used black sewing thread to suture the wound—that would do; remember, he was in the Bowery.

Dumped into a paddy wagon, the man was dropped off at the hospital, where he died three days later—still unknown.

The friend who was looking for him was directed to the local morgue. There, among dozens of other colorless, nameless corpses with tags on their toes, he was identified. Strange, though, when they were scraping together his

possessions, they found enough coins for another night in the flophouse and a piece of paper with five words on it, "Dear friends and gentle hearts."

Why would a forgotten drunk carry around a line of lyrics? Maybe he believed he still had it in him. Maybe there was still the mind of a genius in the body of that bum. You see, once upon a time, before his tragic death at the age of thirty-eight, he had written songs that literally made the whole world sing, songs like "Camptown Races," "Oh! Susanna!," and "My Old Kentucky Home."

The situation of Stephen Foster reminds me of a few lines old preachers once quoted:

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd
Much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;
A game—and he travels on.
He's "going" once, and "going" twice,
He's "going" and almost "gone."

Almost. Almost gone. Until someone cares.
And steps in. And stoops down. And, in love,
rebuilds a life, restores a soul, rekindles a flame
that sin snuffed out, and renews a song that once
was there.

A lonely melody needs to return into the lives
of countless millions. Some might look like bums,
but they may have a song dying in their hearts
because nobody knows and nobody cares.

Do you?

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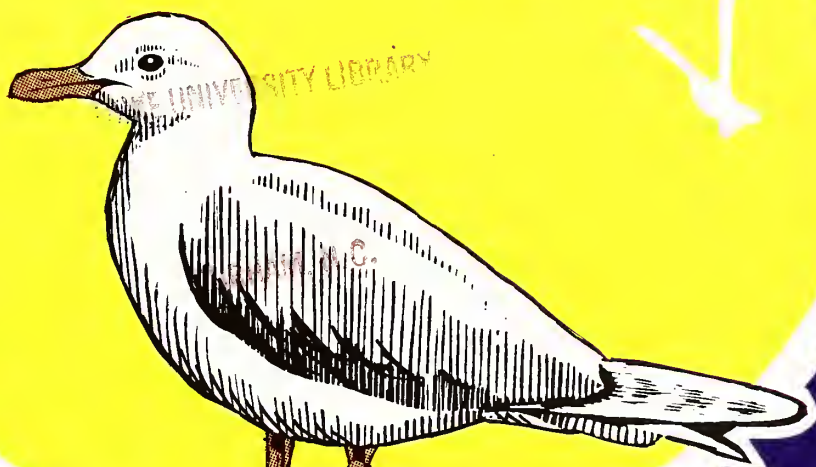
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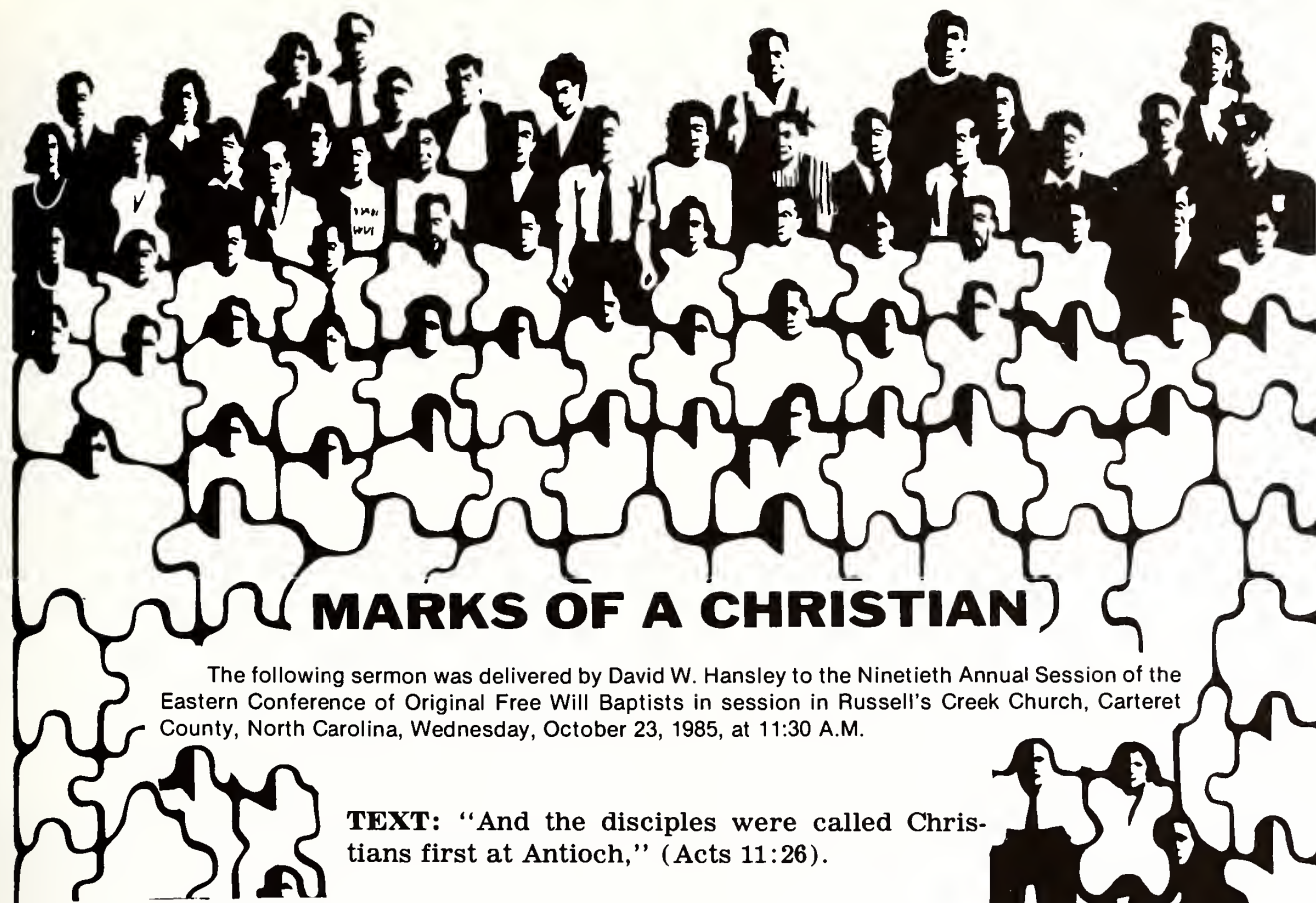
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MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

The following sermon was delivered by David W. Hansley to the Ninetieth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session in Russell's Creek Church, Carteret County, North Carolina, Wednesday, October 23, 1985, at 11:30 A.M.

TEXT: "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch," (Acts 11:26).

A little boy asked his father, "What is a Christian?" The father explained to his son just what a Christian should be according to the Scriptures. But he explained so well that, when he had finished, the boy answered, "Father, have I ever seen a Christian?"

I have a real concern about that boy's question, because, in this modern, mixed-up, and confused world, thousands are asking the same question: "What should be the identifying marks of a Christian? What is a Christian anyway?"

So-called Christians today are so much like the sinful world that it is almost impossible to distinguish them from this blind, skeptical, and befuddled sinful world.

Even the best church members have become so entangled in the problems of making a living, and with such a concern over secondary matters, that the train on which they are riding has entered the dark tunnel of desperation, and the candlelight of their Christian experience has gone out, and the poor helpless traveler has become lost among the baggage of disappointment and despair, to the extent that his Christian influence is ineffective.

Much has been said, and much is being said today about the Early Church. However, there are two distinctive features we wish to

point out about it:

First, it was **inclusive**.

Second, it was **exclusive**.

Although the Early Church had an open door, it was very careful to admit into its ranks only those persons who manifested a change of life by faith in Christ through repentance, and a consecrated willingness to give their lives and their possessions to be used to the glory of the risen Lord, notwithstanding the hatred and persecution of the Great Sanhedrin of the Jews, and the cruelty of the sword-brandishing Romans. As a result, the standards they maintained and the sacrifices they were called upon to make made it no easy matter for a person to join in with that circle that had become identified as a Christlike people, and had become known as Christians.

The Early Church from the very beginning did not hesitate to exclude from its midst all those who tolerated, in the least, sin in their lives.

When serious trouble first showed up through Ananias and Sapphira it was dealt with suddenly, definitely, and head-on. There was no soft-soaping of the issue and no apology made.

When immorality showed up in the Corinthian Church, Paul delivered the offender to

(Turn the Page)

the devil for the destruction of his flesh. This action was in keeping with our Lord's teaching concerning discipline in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. Certainly, it was to be done in love, and the person overtaken in a fault was to be restored through the faithful efforts of the Christians, and Paul was ready to recommend the restoration of that backslidden and fallen man after he had repented and shown that he was willing to live under the rules of Christian principles.

None the less, sin was not passed over nor excused as we often do today in the Church by allowing liars, gamblers, drunkards, homosexuals, and moral perverts to become members, and be at home in Zion without repentance and a change in their sinful ways. Often they are allowed to fill prominent places in the Sunday School, and on boards and committees of the Church and denomination. The most alarming thing is, a number of those moral perverts and homosexuals, somehow slip, by hook or crook, into the ministry without knowing that those who carry the Word of God, and bear the Holy Vessels of the Church, should live a clean, holy, and separated life unto the Lord.

Furthermore, to add to the complexity of the situation, we ministers have become hirelings instead of faithful shepherds, and the sheepfold has become a den of wolves and a hiding place for the servants of Satan.

I will grant that the situation is a critical and complicated problem, and that it can only be dealt with through an humble and forgiving heart, seasoned with a tremendous amount of "kneeology." However, this does not mean that the Church should lower the bars at its door and receive into its membership those who do not have on the proper wedding garment, and without the proper marks to identify them as Christians.

I can hear someone saying, "What would people think today if we took the stand concerning these matters as you seem to indicate?" May we note what happened in the Early Church when it took its stand as indicated earlier. It had "favour with all the people, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

The Church that stands for truth and righteousness in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit will win the respect of all people, and will be the means that God uses to win some of the lost to Jesus Christ.

In the words of Dr. Vance Havner, "We have driven people away by trying to attract them. We have lost favor in trying to win favor.

The world is sick and disgusted with the Church making a clown of itself, trying to talk the slang of this age, running a third-rate amusement park, playing games, and putting on rummage sales. The Church, it has been said, is not running a show-boat but a life-boat, and we make ourselves ridiculous in trying to compete with the world. The preacher and Church that stands for God and righteousness will be magnified."

Therefore, it is time for the Church and its ministers to face up to the fact that there are certain marks of identification which should be maintained by all who are called Christians, and by all organizations, enterprises, and institutions sponsored and supported by them.

With this background may we consider a few identifying marks of a true and faithful Christian.

I. For a Person to Be Identified as a Christian He or She Must Be Saved and Know Christ as His/Her Saviour

1. They must be redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ.
2. They must be "born again." Jesus told Nicodemus that unless he was born again he could not **SEE** the kingdom, and again, "except a man be born again he could not **ENTER** the kingdom" (John 3:3-8). Please underscore **SEE** and **ENTER**, because they are the pivotal words used by Jesus in His declaration to this man for the great need of his life. This is the great need for people today who desire to become a member of the circle known as the Children of God.

II. For a Person to Be a Christian He or She Must Be Sure of His/Her Salvation

1. This is more than make-believe. It requires faith, hope, and assurance.
2. Paul said, ". . . for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

III. A Christian Must Be Surrendered to the Will of God

To be surrendered to the will of God is easier said than done. I must confess that this has been the most difficult thing in my Christian life. Furthermore, I have not always understood what God's will was for me. However, it is the duty of every Christian to pray, "Almighty God, in the name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, may Thy will be done in and through me. Amen."

IV. A Christian Must Be Separated From Sin Unto Life in Christ

As the saying is, "You may not be able to keep a bird from lighting on your head, but you can keep him from building a nest in your hair."

V. A Christian Must Be Spirit-filled

1. This is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit and the third Person, the great Godhead which was sent by the Father and the Son to give life, strength, and divine guidance to all who believe and trust in Christ.
2. It goes without saying, if we try to serve God without the presence of, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it will all be in vain.

VI. A Christian Must Be Sound and Unmovable in Faith, Doctrine, and Practice

1. This includes believing that the Holy Bible is the Word of God to mankind, and accepting it as the only sufficient and infallibly true rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service. It also includes knowing, believing in, practicing and upholding the doctrines of the denomination of which you and your Church are members, in this case, the Original Free Will Baptist. If for any reason you are not satisfied with this doctrine you should go elsewhere. The fact is we do not need you, because you will only be a trouble maker, and we have enough of that without your contribution.
2. A true and tried minister of our Church told me this story, "The youth of the Church which I was pastoring planned to have Communion Service. As a result, I asked them if they would have me as pastor and the deacons of the Church to administer the same for them, and they said, 'No!' Therefore, I had to deny their request." This faithful minister was correct in what he did according to the rules of our Church. How many times does it happen that a number of pastors conduct the Holy Communion Service without the basin and towel being included? I have heard that in some very high places of our Church some such things are taking place. If you are allowing any of the above, you are doing wrong as an Original Free Will Baptist, and you should study the doctrine and rules concerning the same.

VII. A Christian Must Be Undivided in His or Her Allegiance

To be divided in one's allegiance between

God and Satan, of all conditions, is to be most miserable. It is absolutely impossible to serve God and Satan at the same time. It is a condition of make-believe, and foolhardiness, which in the end will lead to total destruction. It is required that a person make a choice for God and Satan, because one cannot hold to God with one hand, and to Satan with the other.

VIII. A Christian Must Abound in the Work of Christ

Abound means to be filled up with, to be healthy in or prosperous in, opulent and wealthy in the service of Christ through His Church.

IX. A Christian Must Live in the Peace and Joy of Christ

There is nothing in all the world that can give to the minds, hearts, and souls of men and women the same joy and peace as knowing and serving Christ.

CONCLUSION:

1. If you have these identifying marks you will not be barren nor unfruitful, and the world around you will call you Christlike or Christian.
2. Christ had His identifying marks, and Paul the Apostle had his. How about you? This poem, and I shall close.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

(Author Unknown)

If none but you in the world today
Had tried to live the Christlike way,
Could the rest of the world look close at you
And find the path that is strait and true?

If none but you in the world so wide
Had found the Christ for his daily guide,
Would things you do and the things you say
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friend of the Christ, in the world today
Are many who watched you upon your way,
And look to the things you say and do
To measure the Christian standard true;

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ
with its love so unfailing and true,
But what do they say and what do they think
Of the gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter to men
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only gospel some men will read,
That gospel according to you.



Vineyards of the Slothful

by Thomas Ricks

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; and there it was, all overgrown with thorns; its surface was covered with nettles; its stone wall was broken down. When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest; so your poverty will come like a prowler, and your want like an armed man (Proverbs 24:30-34).

In these words from ancient Israel is an important lesson for twentieth-century man, for Free Will Baptists in 1986. Sloth, or laziness, is one of our greatest enemies. It is contrary to the spirit of Christ and inhibits the progress of the church.

In the scriptural text, the writer equates being "slothful" with being "devoid of understanding." What is it that the slothful do

not understand? First, they do not understand the meaning of life. The essence of life as God intended it to be is to grow, to progress and advance, to constantly increase our knowledge and abilities. The slothful don't realize this. Second, the slothful do not understand being in a right relationship with God. One does not become perfect the moment one accepts Christ as Saviour; in order to be in God's will, we must make a conscious effort every day to draw nearer to our Lord. The slothful fail to see this.

What are the results of laziness? The fields and vineyards mentioned in the Scripture represent our God-given life, talents, and abilities. Like farmland, such gifts are a waste if not cultivated. The slogan "Use it or lose it" definitely applies to those talents with which we serve the Lord.

We are often saddened and disgusted to hear Christians make statements such as, "It's for the Lord; it doesn't have to be perfect," when talking about an opportunity they have to serve the Lord. Granted, the Father doesn't expect perfect work from imperfect human beings, but He *does expect our best*. Whether it's music or teaching, or some other form of service, we should follow Solomon's advice: "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Christ gave His very life for us; are we going to let laziness prevent us from giving our best to Him?

Another result of slothfulness: The stone wall, which represents defense, is broken down. The slothful have no defense against Satan's attacks, or against spiritual and physical weakness. The forces of evil will constantly assault our relationship with Christ with weapons such as fear and doubt, and we must *work* to defeat them.

We as Christians are also expected to care for our physical bodies as well as our souls. Yet the lazy leave themselves with no defense against physical weakness and poor health. Our country is caught up in a "fitness craze," but many Christians, because of sloth, are left behind. This makes no sense in light of the question posed in 1 Corinthians 6:19—"... do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?" We must realize that physical sloth is just as much a sin as spiritual sloth.

One thing should be noted about the text. It says that the results mentioned before come about after only a "little" sleep. The thorns grow over the vineyard and the stone wall is broken down after only a "little" rest, not a

long period of neglect. Of course, the Creator in His wisdom made a certain amount of rest part of life. These results come about after that little extra, unneeded inactivity.

The Scripture goes on to say that the slothful are powerless when poverty, both spiritual and material, take over. After becoming used to being lazy, they are unable to do anything against this want, which the text compares to an armed robber. In short, spiritual and material poverty are easier to *prevent* than to *cure*.

We have looked at the problems and results of slothfulness. But just what is the other side of the coin—the opposite of slothfulness? The opposite of spiritual slothfulness is following a simple formula made up of three basic components. The first is the in-depth, daily study of God's Word, the Bible. The written Word is a great gift to us and we should utilize it to the fullest. The second component is prayer. One cannot really know another person without talking to that person. The same principle holds true in our relationship with our Heavenly Father. We should spend time daily in prayer, giving up our needs and struggles to God, returning thanks to Him, and making intercession for others. The third component of the formula is good works. We are continually being given opportunities to serve the Lord in this way, but unfortunately we often pass them up. It is good works which prove our faith; this is an important part of the "anti-sloth formula."

What is the opposite of physical slothfulness? This can also be summed up in a three-part formula. The first part is working to develop, to *cultivate* the raw talent Father God gave us. The second part is to concentrate on doing our very best at whatever God gives us to do, never letting the fact of our Christianity make us second-rate. The third component is physical exercise to keep the Spirit's temple—our bodies—in health.

There is much to be done and much to learn in this world. We must be always active, in the ways mentioned before, to keep our spirits, minds, and bodies in good condition, and our talents and opportunities cultivated. People the world over and here in our own community are going hungry. Many around us are passing into the next world without knowing that Christ loves them and can redeem them. Many of our churches are slowly, surely dying. Our own bodies and minds are falling into weakness and disrepair. Do *you* think that we can afford to give in to slothfulness?



LOOKING FOR A CLOUD

by R. G. Puckett

Droughts are not new to mankind, not even to God's people. Through the years, the absence of rain at times has threatened the economy and the very existence of the people!

All across North Carolina those times have come to us again. The prolonged drought is on the front page of every newspaper, whether daily or

weekly. Charlotte, Raleigh, Smithfield, North Wilkesboro, etc.—the news is about the same. Farmers and related businesses have fallen on hard times. *The Journal-Patriot* of North Wilkesboro said it well for all: "Wilkes County crops haven't been knocked out by the prolonged drought and heat, but they are staggering"

In some areas the crops are virtually wiped out. Vegetable

plants set out by the thousands are surviving only by the hundreds. Chicken growers are losing birds by the hundreds daily, thousands by the week. Cattle are being sold before they perish. Lake levels are low, ponds are drying up, wells on farms have been pumped dry and cities and towns have begun water rationing. It is serious times! Estimates indicate that 2,000 farmers are

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



CONVENTION SCHEDULED

The Seventy-fourth Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will convene on September 17-18, at College Hall, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina. In conjunction with

the Convention, the Annual Evangelism Rally will be held on Tuesday evening, September 16; and the Annual Missions Rally will be held on Wednesday evening, September 17. This year's theme is "Preparing to Serve."

DELEGATES

Delegates are the official representatives of each local church to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Each delegate may represent as many as 100 members of a local church. It is their votes, combined with the votes of ministers, conference representatives, and Convention officials, that determine the business of our Convention. These people—your delegates—are important!

Delegates should be elected or chosen based on their ability to represent your church and its people, rather than on the basis of extra time and a willingness to attend. Delegates should be aware of their selection as your representatives and that you are counting on them to represent you! It is impossible for you to be fully represented without the presence of your delegates throughout the entire Convention. Representation on one day only will not give you

a voice in the total operation of the Convention, because business is conducted on both days.

Many times the local church is faced with a problem: those who they would like to represent them are not available. Perhaps if the importance of your representation is explained and demonstrated in the selection, more would be willing to serve. The church might also consider paying the expenses that a person would incur in serving as a delegate. Perhaps the expenditure of funds and the request for a report following the Convention will help keep the importance of the work of delegates at the Convention in proper perspective!

What can the church do about those who just want to go to the Convention? They are welcome to attend. The Convention encourages visitors. However, only your official delegates will be voting. Be represented this year; let your church participate. It is **our** Convention!

CHILDREN'S HOME



A WEEK AT CAMP

On Monday, June 23, eleven of our children boarded a bus that would take them on a journey, a journey that would cause a change in some of their lives. The bus was headed for a week of fun and fellowship at Cragmont.

Campers attended music and teaching classes and encounter groups each morning. Music was enjoyed the most by the children especially if some of the counselors couldn't sing and keep up with the motions of the songs. Afternoons were filled with recreation of all kinds: on Tuesday many campers accomplished climbing to the top of Mount Allen, on Wednesday the buses were boarded for a trip to the Asheville Amusement Park (food and rides were enjoyed by all), on Thursday Asheville Mall was invaded by the campers (shaving cream was the most popular item to be purchased) and then on Friday afternoon campers and counselors enjoyed relay races of all types. Female counselors and campers competed in a basketball game. The counselors scored only four points; needless to say, they lost big time. On Friday night male counselors redeemed face for the counselors by winning 2 basketball games against the campers. Canteen and free time was enjoyed by the



campers. In the evening "Spiritual Growth" was emphasized by chapel services, films, camp fires, and dorm devotions.

Our campers really enjoyed their week at Cragmont and would like to thank those of you who made this week a reality for them.

Yes, a journey of change for some; six of our children made a first-time decision to follow Christ. Pray for these children as they strive to learn more about God and to serve Him.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

The summer of '86 should long be remembered as one of the best summers ever for the Children's Home. Not only has the Summer Youth Employment Training Program (SYETP) been provided, but a new recreational director, Sarah Moore, has been hired for the summer. These two programs will provide the needed balance between work and play.

Sarah comes to us with a very interesting background having been born and raised in Osaka, Japan, by missionary parents. In 1976 she moved with her family to Gaffney, South Carolina. This September Sarah will be a senior at King College, Bristol, Tennessee, majoring in elementary education. Her past two summers were spent as a counselor in a girls' camp in Western North Carolina, where she worked with various youth organizations. These children sparked her desire for an even deeper involvement with young people, and Sarah believes the Lord has led her to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home to work with our children.

Miss Moore is impressed by the Cottage Supervisors' close relationship with the children. She has observed their commitment and consistency with each

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young person. Sarah is particularly touched by the love and acceptance shown her by the children from her first day on campus.

Sarah had to use her life saving skills in the pool with one of the children at the beginning of this summer (for which this child is especially grateful). Sarah also wishes to convey her thanks to Stephen Taylor who "rescued" her from certain embarrassment when Sarah attempted and failed to climb up the slippery pool side while the pool was being filled up after cooling off in the water when no one was around. It seems that Stephen threw her a rope tied to a ladder so that she could make her escape—unnoticed?

Thank you, Sarah, for your contribution to the Children's Home. We're glad you are here.

SPORTS EVENTS

Our children here at the Children's Home did "terrific" in special events this year. Ronnie Bailey was in the Special Olympics—both the fall and summer games. In the fall basketball games he won three first-place ribbons in the spot shoot and speed dribble events and a second-place ribbon for target passing. During the summer games he took three first-place ribbons for frisbee throw, running long jump and softball throw. He was second in the 400

meter relay and won fourth and fifth place ribbons in two other events. We are really proud of Ronnie.

Our children were also involved in Field Day at Middlesex Elementary School. There were many events and races in which they were active participants. You can see that Jenny and Michael were giving it their all in the team race. There were three-legged, sack and relay races as well. The final event was a might tug-a-war. Everyone had a good time including the very vocal contingent made up of folks from the Children's Home staff who came to cheer them on.



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CONGRATULATIONS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Congratulations are in order for three of our young ladies who graduated on June 11, 1986, from Middlesex Elementary School. Donna M. and Loretta W. received their sixth-grade diplomas and promotions to Southern Nash Junior High School while Joann P. was promoted from kindergarten to the first grade.

Two girls, Martha A. and Ericka H. were in the gifted children's program and were in the top of their class. A third child, Kristina K., is being considered for the program during the '86/'87 school year.

We are very proud of all these girls and their accomplishments. The next school year should be very exciting and rewarding with its new challenges and goals to meet. May the Lord continue to bless them each day.



SOUNDSIDE AUXILIARY MEMBERS VISIT CHILDREN'S HOME

On June 12, members of the Soundside Auxiliary (Mrs. Connie Liverman, Viola Brickhouse, Mrs. Victoria Cooper, alumna; Kathy Brickhouse, Mrs. Morris, and a guest) visited the Home. They were given a tour of the campus and fellowship.

During their visit they presented the Home with towels and linens, which had been collected from the church, auxiliary and community. Mrs. Cooper talked about the changes in the campus and reminisced with all about the time she spent here. We want to thank everyone who shared in this project.

WHEN BURDENS BECOME BRIDGES

by Harry L. Lucenay

Various kinds of burdens are mentioned in the Scriptures. Some can be shared, but others God intends that we carry by ourselves. Although the weight of these trials may at times seem unbearable, we eventually come to see that our Lord always has a wise design in the burdens He lays upon us. His purpose is especially evident when we face new crises.

This reminds me of the fable, "The Encumbered Ant." The little insect felt he had been given a raw deal because he had to carry a piece of straw which was so long and heavy that he staggered beneath its weight. It was his lot to creep wearily across a desert of concrete. The stress of the situation was too much, and the ant became fed up with life. To add to his frustration, he was brought to a halt by a large crack in the pathway. He saw no way of getting across that deep divide. He stood there discouraged. Then suddenly a thought struck him. His backbreaking load could actually be turned into a blessing. Carefully laying the straw across the crack in the concrete, he walked over it and safely reached the other side. His heavy burden had become a helpful bridge!

This story points up a valuable lesson. The burden a Christian is given may be thought of as the weight of God's loving arm upon his shoulder. Through adversity and trial the Lord often provides the resources needed to cross some chasm of difficulty ahead. If we recognize this and trust in Him, what we originally thought was an unbearable load of care will be used to bring us spiritual progress and victory.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONS RALLY

Board of Foreign Missions in Charge

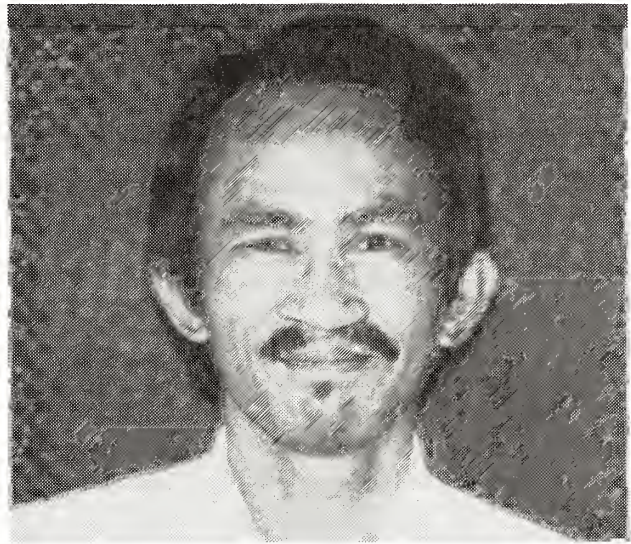
**September 17, 1986; 7:30 P.M.
College Hall, Mount Olive College**

Theme: "Celebration of Praise"

**For the first time we will have visitors
with us from our work in the Philippines.**



The Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, will bring greetings from the church in the Philippines.



The Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible College in the Philippines, will deliver the message at the Rally.



The Grubbs family will be commissioned for service to the Philippines.

There will be special music and testimonies. Former missionaries will be in charge of the Rally. This should be the greatest Rally we have ever held. Your attendance will make it possible—come and meet these our brothers from the Philippines. Come and bring a large number from your church. Don't miss this historical occasion.

Remember your special offerings assure the continued progress of missions in our church world-wide.

Prayer requests: Pray for the Mission Rally, for the speakers, special music, weather, attendance, and for the best offering ever.

A MOVEMENT OF PRAYER

by Harold Jones

On June 3, fifty people from many of our Free Will Baptist churches gathered at Eagles Nest for a Day of Prayer. The purpose of the day was to pray for revival, unity and outreach. The program was structured to fulfill that purpose through concerts of prayer, Bible study, quiet times and testimonies. The Rev. James Evans summed up the impact of the day when he said, "This is one of the greatest days of my life." The Lord did some very precious things in the lives of every person who attended. We believe God for answers to all our prayers. There is a stirring of revival fire already among us. There is a new sense of love and unity, and there is a renewed vision and desire to reach those who are lost wherever they live on the face of the earth.

It was the consensus of all who attended the Day of Prayer that we should have at least three days a year set aside for concerted prayer. The date of the next Day of Prayer will be announced at a later date. Please plan to join us at that time.

Prayer is the keystone to spiritual victory. United in prayer we will see the marvelous handiwork of God.



YES, WE CAN HAVE REVIVAL, BUT . . .

by Harold Jones

Friends, we need revival throughout our denomination, and it will come if we earnestly seek God in prayer. We pride ourselves in having a great doctrine, and yet we fail to realize that doctrine on paper and not in one's heart is useless. We speak about our belief in the Holy Spirit and yet deny the power of the Holy Spirit, and even smirk at those who emphasize the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our age, as though we have the "true light" and they are in darkness. But we cannot answer why they are growing and we are dying. We do not have to believe as they do, but we must believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, that He is the very power of the church today and that He can and is ready to fill us anew with power and life to express Jesus Christ to the lost of this earth in word and deed, and in demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul

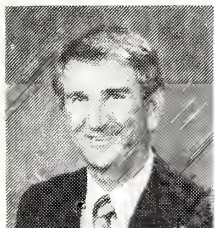


FOREIGN MISSIONS

admonished the church to quench not the Spirit, for he knew that to do so would strangle the very life of the church.

It is time that we got on our knees before Almighty God and asked Him to remove our spiritual pride that we may be renewed in the Spirit of God, and be fit vessels, willing vessels for the Father's use.

Yes, we can have revival, but it will only come when we humble ourselves and pray, and seek His fullness; but if we are so spiritually proud that we refuse to acknowledge our need and heed His warning, then ruin is our fatal course. Yes, we can have revival, and I believe we will.



The Rev. Harold Jones serves as director of the State Convention Foreign Missions program.

LET ME SERVE YOU

As Foreign Missions Director, I would like to visit your church, auxiliary, or laymen's league and share or help you in the following ways:

1. Missions Conference.
2. Concerts of Prayer.
3. Missions Study Courses.
4. Slides on work in India, Mexico, and the Philippines.
5. Current information about the Foreign Missions program.
6. Missions Message.

The Foreign Missions program is your program and you owe it to yourself as pastor and church member to be informed so you can be a more effective prayer partner.

Please contact Harold Jones, P. O. Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; or call: office 746-4963; home, 756-9732. I am available Sundays, Wednesdays, or any other time that is convenient for you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Invite Our Visitors From the Philippines to Visit Your Church

Invite the Revs. dela Rosa and Malinao from the Philippines to your church while they are in North Carolina during September. We would like to visit as many churches as possible during that month. Contact Harold Jones, office 746-4963, home 756-9732. Call soon for an appointment. Open dates will be filled on a first call basis.



August, 1986

Dear Friends,

The month of July marked the beginning of the 1986-87 church year. The past year was a blessed year for the Foreign Missions program, but our expectations are even greater as we begin this new church year. I believe we are going to see some marvelous things happen as a result of consecrated prayer.

PRAYER IS THE KEYSTONE TO SPIRITUAL VICTORY. Please pray for the following during the 1986-87 church year:

1. For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our plans and activities.
2. For open doors and hearts to receive the gospel, that thousands of people will be won to the Lord.
3. For good health for our missionaries and workers in Mexico, India, and the Philippines.
4. For the spiritual growth of everyone associated with the Board of Foreign Missions.
5. For the Grubbs Family as they travel and adjust to their ministry in the Philippines.
6. For more laborers to go into the harvest.
7. For the financial needs of the Board of Foreign Missions. God is willing and able to meet these needs.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support. It is encouraging to know that you stand with us in world outreach.

With Joy in Christ,

Harold Jones
Director-Treasurer



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August is State Convention Promotional Month.

HOME MISSIONS



BEAVERDAM YOUTH WALK FOR MISSIONS

The youth of Beaverdam Church sponsored a walk-a-thon to raise money for Home Missions on Saturday, April 26, 1986. Twenty-seven participants walked approximately ten miles and collected a total of \$520.54.

Scott Simmons, son of Faye and Ricky Simmons of Route 1, Chadbourn, was our highest collector in the AFC age group, and Valerie Penny, daughter of Ila Vee and Jack Penny of Route 3, Whiteville, was highest collector in the YFA age group.

During a recent Sunday evening service, the Rev. David C. Hansley, executive director of Home Missions, presented a certificate to the Beaverdam youth for this achievement.



OLIVIA FOUNTAIN FINDS MORE THAN ACADEMICS AT MOC

by Patti O'Donoghue

Director of Public Information



Olivia Fountain of Chinquapin, right, reviews a computer roster with Dianne B. Piley, director of admissions. Miss Fountain's summer duties include entering the names of all current students into the computer by county and by high school. The rising junior is a member of Bethlehem Church in Duplin County.

"There is a genuine sense of family here," says Olivia Fountain, a rising junior at Mount Olive College. The closeness that exists at the College helped Miss Fountain endure the intense sorrow of her mother's death on May 17, 1985. When her mother died it seemed she might have to leave Mount Olive.

"We thought maybe we couldn't afford my coming here after the hospital bills started coming in," recalls the vivacious young woman. "But due to financial aid and some very understanding people here at the College, they agreed to work with me on payment.

"After Mom died everyone at the College understood the pressures. Mrs. Costa (her English instructor) was a stronghold for me. She was a helpful teacher and a helpful friend. Mrs. Ackiss (director of church support) was always

concerned. Dr. Raper (MOC president) was always telling me if I needed anything to let him know. I really don't feel I would have made it without their help," she says.

Before her death, Miss Fountain's mother, Nannie L. Fountain, served as a Sunday School teacher and sang in the church choir at Bethlehem Church in Duplin County. Miss Fountain also sang in the church choir.

"My mom encouraged my music and wanted me to study music at Mount Olive. I've taken voice with Miss Weldon (music professor) the past two years and will be a member of the Concert Choir this coming year.

"My father is very supportive. Whenever I get discouraged and wonder if it is worth it, it's always good to go home and talk to him. He helps me see things clearly," says Miss Fountain. Her father,

Alvis Fountain of Chinquapin, is chairman of the board of deacons and teaches Sunday School at Bethlehem Church.

This summer the Richlands High School graduate is learning the workings of the College Admissions Office and "boarding" in the comfortable home of science professor Lorelle Martin.

"I was hired to work in admissions," says Miss Fountain. "This gives me the opportunity to see what is going on and to learn the system."

Assisting with bulk mailings, greeting visitors, answering questions about the College, learning word processing and sending out application forms and catalogs are all part of a typical day for Miss Fountain.

"It is a good job for me because I love people and variety, and I like to meet new people. I think this will help me in my plans to serve as a Christian lay worker—perhaps at a Christian camp. I have always wanted to serve the Lord through my work," she emphasizes.

The liberal arts major is looking forward to the fall semester. "I am looking forward to meeting all the people whose names I've seen while sending out letters to incoming freshmen. I'm going to be a student assistant in the fall, so I'll get the chance to help new students move into the dorms, find where they are supposed to be and make sure they have what they need."

Miss Fountain plans to receive both an associate and baccalaureate degree at Mount Olive College.

"I thought about going elsewhere to college," she says, "but I felt 'led' about coming to MOC. I worked out a plan for my life by coming here, and I know it is going to be worth it."

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

FALL SEMESTER PROMISES TO BE EXCITING



Huffman relaxes with student—Dr. William Huffman, right, enjoys the company of junior Freddie Pierce of Pikeville. A psychology professor at Mount Olive College, Huffman developed a new academic concentration in psychology during the summer. Courses in this field of study will be taught beginning in the fall semester.

The fall semester at Mount Olive College promises to be one of the most exciting ever. Applications are up more than 40 percent over last year. Courses are set, and a lively orientation week is planned August 24-28.

Of particular interest is the addition of a new bachelor of science degree in psychology. Dr. William Huffman, who joined the faculty last year, developed the program. History of Psychology and Practicum Techniques of Counseling, Social Psychology, Peer Counseling and Directed Studies are all new courses approved for the fall curriculum.

Students may work toward baccalaureate degrees with concentrations in accounting, business management, biology, English, church ministries, American studies, history, political science, psychology, social science, religion and recreation studies and services.

Mount Olive's associate degree programs, transfer programs and business cer-

tificates are available, as always.

Orientation Week

Sunday, August 24, kicks off orientation week. Freshmen will move into the dorms, meet with their advisors and enjoy a picnic with their families.

Freshmen advisory group meetings are set for Monday, August 25. The afternoon and evening hours will bring some pleasant surprises with an "outing experience" at Eagles Nest and entertainment by the faculty at the "activities fair."

The schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday centers around registration. Transfer and returning students are also scheduled to move into the dorms. Freshmen, new transfer students, faculty and staff are invited to a reception at the home of President and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper.

On Thursday, August 28, classes begin. Fall convocation will be held that evening at 8 p.m. in College Hall, with President Raper addressing the College family.

The counseling and admissions offices are open during the summer to assist those who have not already made their college plans.

Financial aid is still available. Full-time Free Will Baptist students are eligible for an annual \$1500 Tuition Grant, and North Carolina students are eligible for the \$950 Legislative Tuition Grant. Also, the financial aid director strives to put together financial assistance packages based on individual need.

Questions? Contact Dianne B. Riley, director of admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (telephone 919/658-2502).

A Reminder—

Ministers' Institute Set for August at Mount Olive College

"Creative Growth Dynamics, Inc." founder, Dr. Harry W. Fowler, is set to speak at this year's Ministers' Institute on Monday, August 4, and Tuesday, August 5. The institute, sponsored by Mount Olive College and the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists, will begin at 9 a.m. each day in College Hall.

A registration fee of \$20 per person includes the cost of a workbook. Recommended reading for the Ministers' Institute is *Leading Your Church to Growth* by C. Peter Wagner (Regal Books, 1984). The book may be purchased through the Free Will Baptist Press and its branch bookstores, including the Mount Olive College Bookstore.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, director of church relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502; or at home, 658-9363.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

FIRST AMERICAN ANNOUNCES \$15,000 ENDOWMENT GIFT TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

First American Bank representatives Stotler Porter, left, Mount Olive city executive, and Charles Kraft, right, chairman of the local advisory board, presented an endowment gift of \$3,000 to Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College. This gift is the first of a five-year commitment of \$15,000 by the First



The donation represents the collective efforts of the area First American offices of Goldsboro, Mount Olive, Pikeville, Clinton and Warsaw, and is part of the College's current campaign to build the endowment to \$6.5 million by 1990 and \$10 million by 1995.

First American representatives on hand for the presentation included Porter and Kraft; Don Barnes, Dr. James L. Cox, and Leona Brock, Goldsboro; Linda Evans, Pikeville; Ronnie Jackson and Allen Jackson, Clinton; and Colleen Martin and I. J. Quinn Sr., Warsaw.

"First American Savings Bank is pleased to make this investment in the growth of Mount Olive College," said Porter. "Our bank recognizes the importance of the College to the area served by First American."

Speaking at a luncheon after the presentation, President W. Burkette Raper thanked the bank's representatives. "We appreciate this meaningful investment in our work by one of our outstanding corporate citizens. You have helped us take a significant step toward making Mount Olive a great four-year liberal arts college."



Free Will Baptists pause during freshman orientation—Pictured in the Henderson building during freshman orientation at Mount Olive College, from left, are Ronald Yopp of Folkstone Church, Onslow County; Betty Goodman of Pilgrims Rest Church, Carteret County; Alan Love of Pine Hills Church in Alabama; Karen James of Everetts Chapel Church, Johnston County; the Rev. Frank Harrison, College chaplain; Lisa Wilcox, Pleasant Hill Church, Pitt County; Marty Wiggins of Pleasant Hill Church, Wayne County; Cassandra Jones of Smyrna Church, Beaufort County; and Lorrie Franklin of White Hill Church, Beaufort County.

The students took placement tests, learned about career planning, received academic counseling and pre-registered for classes. Free Will Baptist students are eligible to receive a \$1500 yearly Tuition Grant to attend Mount Olive College. The final freshman orientation to be held before the opening of the fall semester is set for August 7 (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

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| August 4-5 | Ministers' Institute: Dr. Harry W. Fowler will lead church growth conference in College Hall. Registration is \$20. Contact Frank Harrison (telephone 919/658-2502). |
| August 24 | Dorms open for freshmen, orientation activities, picnic with parents. |
| August 25 | Advisory groups meet, outing at Eagles Nest, activities fair, vesper service. |
| August 27 | Registration for classes. |
| August 27 | Reception for freshmen, new transfers, faculty and staff, 7:30 p.m., at the home of President and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper. |
| August 28 | Regular schedule of classes begins. |
| August 28 | Fall Convocation, 8 p.m. in College Hall, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, speaker. |
| September 11 | Last day to enroll for fall semester. Contact Linda Kraft, director of counseling services, for information about orientation activities (telephone 919/658-2502). |

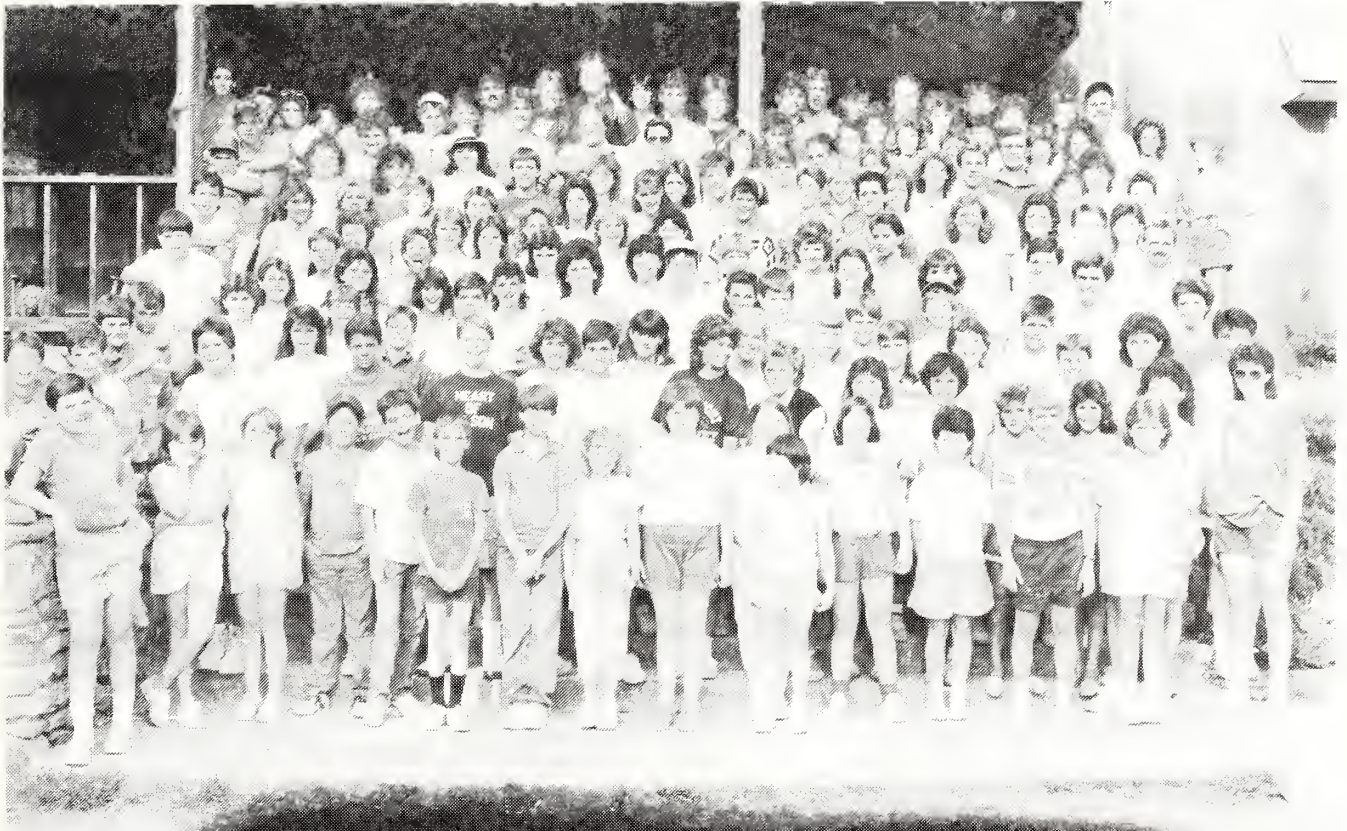


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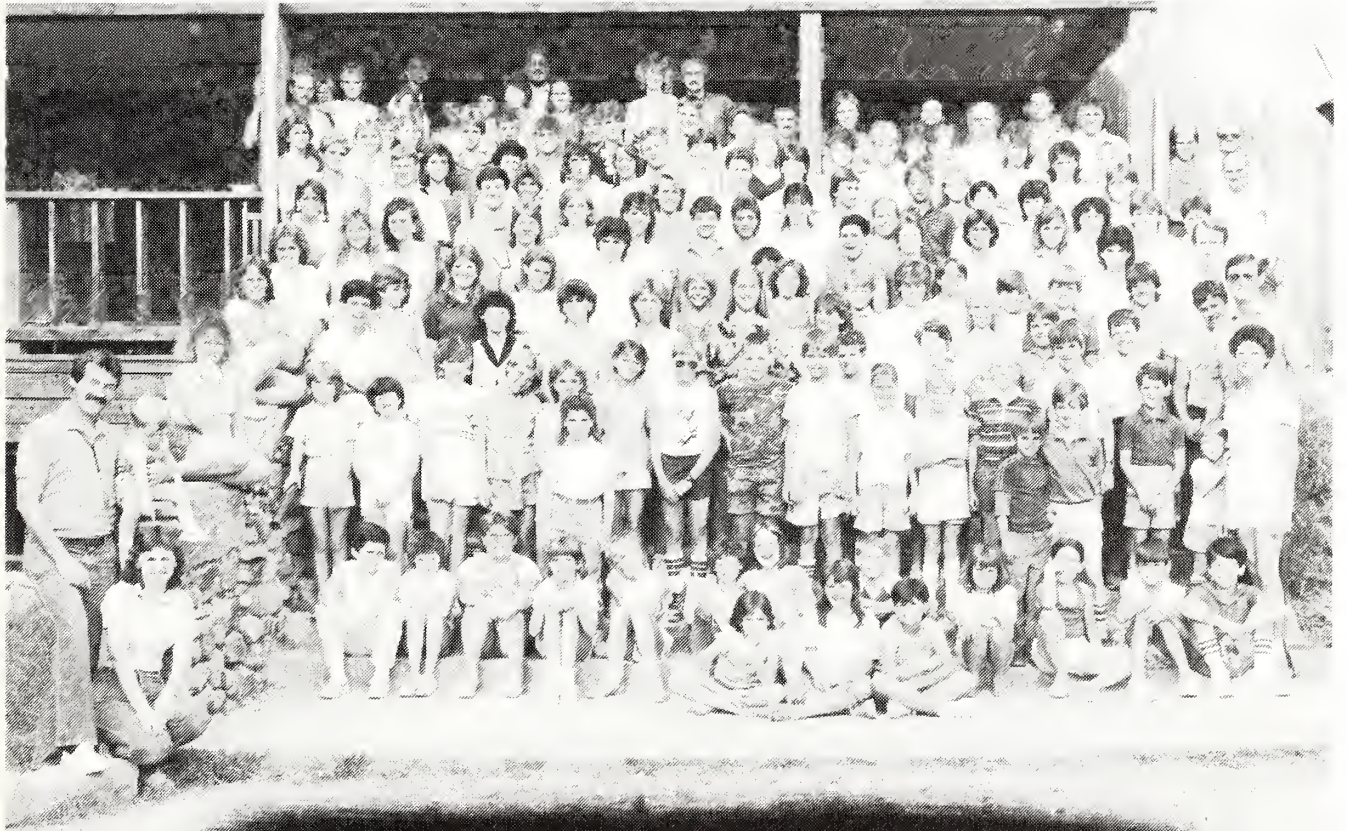
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GENERAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ~ JUNE 16-21, 1986



CHRISTIAN CADET CONFERENCE, JUNE 23-29, 1986

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

REQUIREMENTS MET

Seven teachers from three Free Will Baptist Churches recently completed the two courses in the Basic Teacher Certificate training program. They were Virginia Skinner (Arapahoe Church); Melvin White, June White, Jeannie Sawyer, and Wayne Sawyer (Core Point Chapel Church); Carol Prescott and Peggy Rice (Rock of Zion Church).

I have had the privilege of teaching these courses many times, and I am always impressed and inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication of those teachers participating. They take the courses because they want to be better teachers and to give their best to Christ. Such a desire is one of the greatest qualifications for teachers. When teachers are growing, it will not be too difficult for them to help others grow!

WORKSHOP HELD

The Field Secretary conducted a teaching demonstration workshop on June, 18, at Sound Side Church near Columbia. About 25 persons attended. The Rev. C. H. Overman is pastor of the church and also a hardworking member of the Executive Board of the Sunday School Convention.

WORKSHOPS OFFERED

The Sunday School Convention offers many good programs to our Sunday Schools. One of them is a variety of workshops by the Field Secretary. The following is a list and description of the workshops.

Teaching Demonstration Workshop: It demonstrates a variety of teaching methods through the actual teaching of a lesson. The methods used are then identified, explained in more detail, and discussed.

Problem Solving Workshop: Every Sunday School and teacher face problems and needs. This workshop presents a practical method for addressing those problems. The method is then applied to some of the specific problems and needs of that particular Sunday School and its teachers.

Sunday School Growth Workshop: It sets forth successful ways Sunday Schools can grow.

Ideas For Improving Your Sunday School: It presents many practical ways for improving the organization and administration of the Sunday School, and improving the quality of teaching.

Discipline in the Sunday School Class: It explores the meaning of Christian discipline and ways to foster it. Many illustrations are given.

Using Audio Visuals in Teaching: This workshop shows the great variety of teaching aids that can be effectively used in the classroom.

Other workshops are being developed. What would be of assistance to you? Send in workshop ideas to the Field Secretary.

If you would like to schedule any of these workshops in your church, call or write: Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

That's the theme for a series of three seminars to be held for Free Will Baptist Churches in Pitt County on September 8, 9, and 10. The purpose is to address the specific needs of their Sunday Schools. Each seminar will start at 7 and last until 9 p.m.

Seminar One: The Ministry of the Sunday School (8th). It will examine the purpose and

importance of the Sunday School.

Seminar Two: A Growing Sunday School (9th). It will set forth practical ways for helping Sunday Schools grow, as well as training teachers in how to better share their faith and the gospel.

Seminar Three: A Caring Sunday School (10th). It will present teaching as a caring ministry and help equip teachers and officers with caring knowledge and skills.

Each seminar will begin with everyone together for a lecture-forum. Then the assembly will be divided into the following groups for more study and discussion: Sunday School Officers, Teachers of Adults, Teachers of Youth, Teachers of Children (1-6th grade), and Teachers of Preschoolers.

BOOK REVIEW

Handbook of Adult Education. It's edited by Nancy T. Foltz. It was published in 1986 by Religious Education Press. This press publishes about five books a year that are on the cutting-edge of Christian education. They give the very latest theories, research, and directions in Christian education.

This particular book is excellent. Every person who works with adults in the church should read it. It combines theory and practice in a very readable style. Also, it's full of valuable insights into how adults learn and how to design educational programs for them.

The book has ten chapters, dealing comprehensive with vital aspects of adult religious education. It and all publications of Religious Education Press can be checked out from Moye Library, Mount Olive College.

PASTORS' AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' BANQUET

**Sponsored by North Carolina Free Will
Baptist Sunday School Convention**

**September 5, 1986
King's Restaurant
Kinston, North Carolina
7 P.M.**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Jesse McDaniels
President, Lenoir Community College**

**Dinner: Combination Plate
\$5.50 (Payable at the Door)**

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MINISTERS' INSTITUTE TO FEATURE "CREATIVE GROWTH DYNAMICS" FOUNDER

Dr. Harry H. Fowler, founder of Creative Growth Dynamics, Inc., will be the featured speaker at this year's Ministers' Institute. The Institute, which is sponsored jointly by Mount Olive College and the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists, is set for Monday, August 4, and Tuesday, August 5, at Mount Olive College.

"Dr. Fowler offers a program of church growth principles that ministers can implement in small, local churches," says the Rev. Frank Harrison, coordinator for the Institute. "The seminars will help ministers to study biblical growth principles, become more effective growth leaders, expand their church's outreach and develop evangelism strategy."

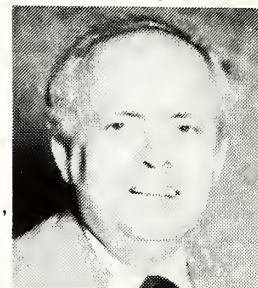
Fowler is a member of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, serving in a variety of positions as a member of the Home Missions Board and as a youth leader, church consultant, teacher and speaker. He is also a member of the North Roanoke Baptist Association and has served as vice president of the Pastors' Conference, on the Missions and Evangelism Committee, and as chairman of the New Work Committee.

His education includes a doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He received his masters degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest and bachelor's degree from East Carolina University, Greenville.

Ordained a Southern Baptist minister at age 23, he has

"Developing An Evangelism Strategy Using Church Growth Principles"

Dr. Harry H. Fowler, Director, Creative Growth Dynamics



MONDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00- 9:30 a.m.—Coffee, Doughnuts, College Hall

9:30- 9:40 a.m.—Devotional

Session #1

9:40-10:45 a.m.—"Introduction to Church Growth"

10:45-11:00 a.m.—Break

11:00-12:15 p.m.—"Biblical Basis for Church Growth"

12:15- 1:30 p.m.—Lunch, Downtown Campus

Session #2

1:30- 2:30 p.m.—"Building Blocks of Church Growth—The Leadership Team"

2:30- 2:45 p.m.—Break

2:45- 4:00 p.m.—"Structuring for Growth"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Session #3

9:00- 9:30 a.m.—Coffee, Doughnuts, College Hall

9:30- 9:40 a.m.—Devotional

9:40-10:45 a.m.—"Seven Steps to the Harvest"

10:45-11:00 a.m.—Break

11:00-12:15 p.m.—"Workshop: Implementing Seven Steps"

12:15- 1:30 p.m.—Lunch, Downtown Campus

Session #4

1:30- 2:30 p.m.—"Developing an Evangelism Strategy"

2:30- 2:45 p.m.—Break

2:45- 4:00 p.m.—"Workshop: Implementing the Evangelism Strategy"

pastored Baptist Churches in Stokes, Maysville, Oak City, Durham and Rocky Mount. In 1985 Fowler founded Creative Growth Dynamics, Inc.

Recommended reading for the Ministers' Institute is *Leading Your Church to Growth* by C. Peter Wagner (Regal Books, 1984). The book may be ordered through the Free Will Baptist Press and its branch bookstores, including the Mount Olive College bookstore.

Registration is \$20 per person, and churches are urged to provide the fee for the minister and at least one lay person (more if possible). The registration fee includes a workbook.

The workshop will be held in College Hall. Lunch will be served in the College cafeteria at a cost of \$3 per meal.

Overnight accommodations may be arranged at the Southern Belle Motel in Mount Olive, telephone (919) 658-9404.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502, or at home, 658-9363.

PITT COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULED—In cooperation with the Rev. Bass Mitchell, field secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention, the Pitt County Free Will Baptist Minister's Fellowship has planned a program to assist Pitt County churches improve their Sunday School programs. The program is scheduled for September 8-10, and is for pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers. The objective of the study is to address the needs of Sunday Schools and how to determine how they might be improved.

The program format will provide discussion on the following subjects: The Ministry of the Sunday School, A Growing Sunday School, and A Caring

Sunday School. Denominational Sunday School leaders will lead the presentations with follow-up discussions which emphasize practical applications.

The program will be held at First Church, Greenville, which is located at 2600 South Charles Street, from 7 to 9 each evening.

Anyone having questions about the program is encouraged to call one of the following members of the Program Committee: J. B. Narron, 746-4388; Ray Williamson, 758-4356; or Bryant Hines, 355-5929.

THE CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING will be held at Tee's Chapel Church on Saturday, August 30. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00 Hymn, Congregation
 - Devotion, Mrs. Ruth L. Warrick
 - Welcome, Host Church
 - Response, Mrs. C. Felton Godwin
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Reading of Minutes of the Last Union
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Report of Denominational Enterprises
 - Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
 - Special Music
 - Offering and Offertory Prayer
 - Message, the Rev. Atlas Hogg
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
 - Report of Committees

- Unfinished Business
- Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch and Christian Fellowship

THE CAPE FEAR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP met at Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, on June 7. The overall attendance was 201, with ten churches present. Genesis Mission won the Youth Banner with 19 present; the Overall Banner went to Riverside Church, with 33 present.

The August 2 meeting of the Fellowship will be held at Cumberland County Park. All Cape Fear churches are encouraged to represent.

THE CONGREGATION OF SAINTS DELIGHT CHURCH, near Ormondsville, announces that the Rev. Mack Humbles has assumed this pastorate.


THE FIRST UNION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE will meet with Fellowship

Church, Wilson, on Saturday, August 16, at 10 a.m. The clerk, the Rev. James Joyner, urges all member churches to be represented.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 1986, at 10 a.m., in the Multi-purpose Room at the Press. At this time the management will give an up-to-date financial report, along with answering any questions there might be concerning the Institution's work. Three Board members will be elected during the meeting. (They will serve three-year terms.)

PLEASE NOTE

In the last issue of *The Free Will Baptist* the Second Place AFC Art and Crafts Winner was incorrectly cited as being from Haymount Church. Mary Edie Mason attends Genesis Mission.



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

Week I—August 4-9
Week II—August 11-16

Co-directors—Dola Dudley, Becky Jo Sumner
Registrar—Alice Barrow

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LOOKING FOR A CLOUD

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"going under" every week nationwide.

City dwellers are concerned about lawns, shrubs, plants and trees. These are pleasant and precious to those of us who love them, but they are not to be compared to those things which determine the whole way of life of persons who depend upon the rain that falls upon the fields.

Unless one lives on a farm or has a background from the farm, it is difficult to fully appreciate what the farm crisis means. It is more than employment and income; it is a way of life without any other being known. To lose a farm is not just the loss of a business or income producing property. It often means the loss of a family heritage throughout many generations. It is the loss of all that is precious and meaningful. When the farm goes, everything goes!

A sad and disturbing illustration of this truth appeared in the secular media a few days ago. Out in Oklahoma, Katherine Copeland and her family had plowed the fertile fields of the southwestern part of the state since 1910. The thought of losing the farm was more than the 55-year-old mother could stand. She climbed on top of a pile of burning garbage and took her own life. On the evening television news, as her funeral was reported, the camera focused upon her grave marker and the announcer commented that she and her family had worked so hard and struggled so long that "... the land took back one who would not give it up."

In Margaret Mitchell's classic, *Gone With the Wind*, now marking its 50th anniversary, Mr. O'Hara tells his daughter, Scarlett, that she must love the land. Those of us who live on farms, or whose lives emerged from dirt farm-

ing, understand. You must love the land!

But the land isn't very easy to love these days. Farmers have been suffering enough problems without the drought. Now, many of them face extinction; they must look for a new life.

What can Christians do? Permit this writer to offer some rather obvious observations:

1. Try to understand. As the Indian saying goes, until we have walked in the other person's moccasins, we may not understand but let us try. Economic threat is enough to bear, standing alone, but the broader implications mean the greatest demands are imposed upon farm families to survive.

2. Affirm the farmer. Be positive about the persons while demonstrating a genuine concern about the conditions. Those of us who are not farmers should exhibit more concern for them than for ourselves in what these conditions will produce. Most of us will not starve nor even have our own food supply diminished but the farmer may lose all!

3. Counsel the farmer and the family. Every church should mount a maximum campaign to help troubled farmers and workers through the physical and emotional ordeal. The psychological dimensions of the crisis may be equal to or greater than the physical demands.

4. Contribute cash to help where possible. It is not possible for Baptists statewide or nationwide to help a specific situation but those close by, familiar with the persons and their plight may be able to assist. Large amounts are probably needed but small amounts will be greatly appreciated. Make sure gifts are made in a manner to preserve the pride and dignity of the

farmers. There have been enough assaults already on these two dimensions of life.

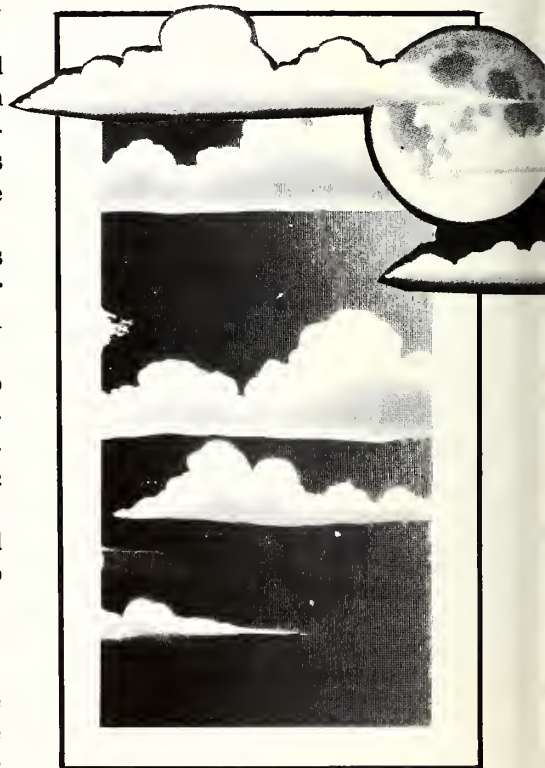
5. Pray for the farmers and workers and pray for rain. The Scriptures teach that the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James goes on to say in the fifth chapter that Elijah prayed for no rain and then prayed for rain (see 1 Kings 17-18) and God answered his prayers.

None of us knows why the worst drought in a century has come—perhaps it is not for us to know—but we do have faith that God can handle the situation. Let us take the matter to the Lord and expect His answer.

Remember that Elijah sent his servant to the mountain to look toward the sea for rain. At first he saw nothing but finally he saw "... a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand ... and there was a great rain.

It is time to pray and look for the cloud.

Reprinted from *The Biblical Recorder*, July 26, 1986.



IT'S TIME TO GET OUT THE SICKLE!

The word *compassion* has been defined as "passion that moves a person to action!"

Jesus often saw sheep which did not have a shepherd as He looked at people. He could have seen them as people who rejected His claims, as men and women dirty with sin and delighting in it, as selfish, materialistic individuals who sought His healing and His bread but who refused His lordship.

Jesus saw shepherdless sheep and was moved with compassion. And it is one thing to see people—it is quite another to see them as shepherdless sheep and to be moved with compassion.

As we live our daily lives, we can be moved with resentment, with disgust, even with anger. More than likely, though, we become indifferent. There are just so many people, we think.

But we are not called to turn our heads, as though these people do not exist. Consider Chandran Devanesan's words penned to a rickshaw puller:

I pass you every morning
on my way to the station . . .
But you hear nothing, you see nothing.
You lie curled up in your rickshaw
with sprawling limbs and inert body
like some tired animal . . .
Now you shape your body
to fit the wooden embrace
of the hard sides of your rickshaw
for its walls are your home, your rented home . . .
The rickshaw and you—
you belong together.
I have passed you by at other times—
when you were not asleep
and something of your life
has trailed after me . . .
I have heard you whine for a fare
when the day's earnings were poor.
I have seen you resentful and bitter
when you spat on the ground
and talked unconscious communism.

I pass you by like a hundred others
who also pass you by—
and the road may be the road
from Jerusalem to Jericho for all we know.
I would like to put my hand on your shoulder
and say to you, "Comrade,
there is One who died for us
and dying made us blood brothers."
But I am filled with cowardice of the well-dressed—
for clothes are by no means flimsy
when it comes to erecting barriers
between man and man.
I am afraid you will wake with a start
and betray your resentment in your eyes
as you see in me what I really am—
your well-dressed enemy . . .

Day by day I pass you by,
you the man by the roadside
and I the priest and the Levite rolled in one,
passing you by.

How much easier it is to pass people by. Yet there are times when God wants us to cry with Him because of hurting people.

But we do not want to see people as God sees them. We do not want to be upset, unsettled. We might get emotionally overloaded with the needs of others. We do not know if we can take that.

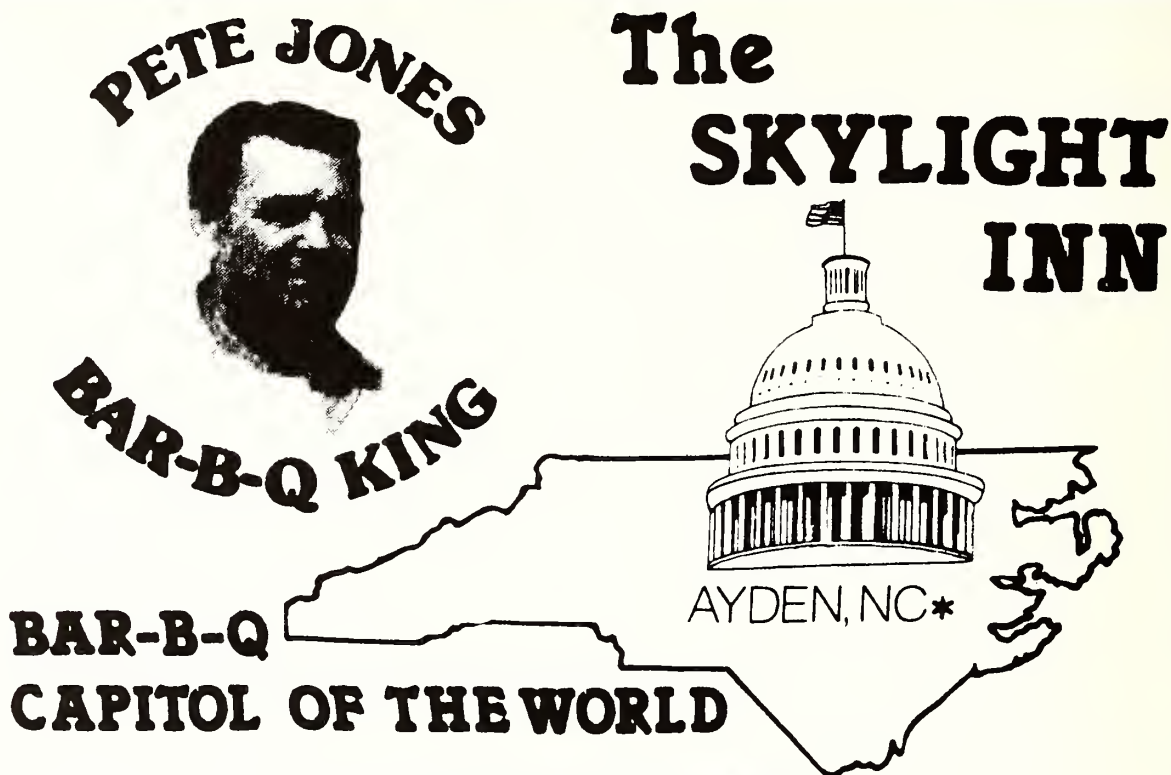
Besides, our attempts to reach out may be rejected or interpreted as crude and tactless. We may be taken advantage of, exploited.

The problem is that we cannot know who among these people are ready to hear until we go to them. We cannot know what hurts exist, what pains are paralyzing. Will we allow Christ to express His compassion through us? Will we let Christ break our hearts with what breaks His?

Jesus saw shepherdless sheep and was moved with compassion. "The harvest is plentiful," He observed.

And it is a harvest that is ready to be reaped, if only we will thrust in the sickle.

(Oh yes, it will cost us something . . . part of ourselves.)



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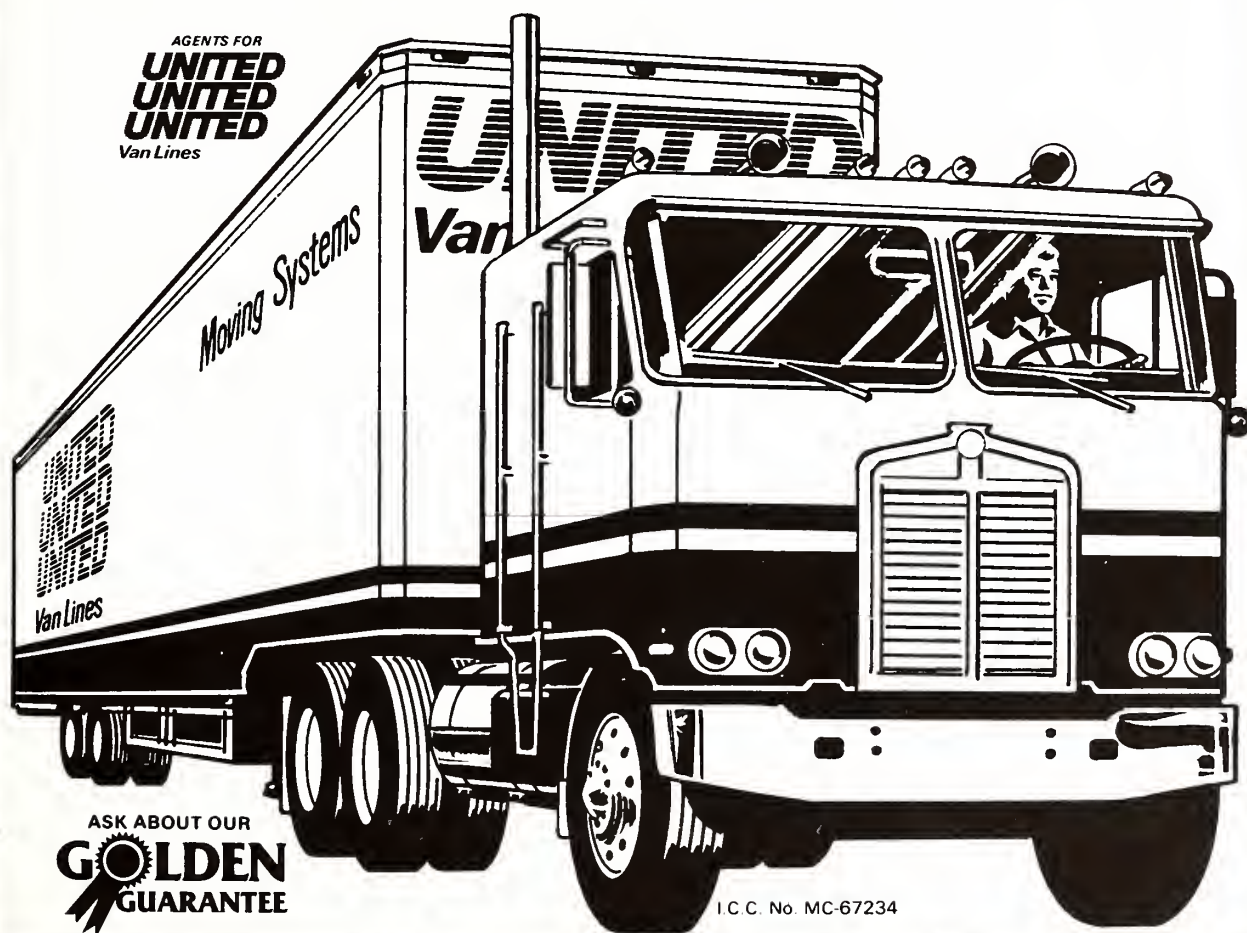
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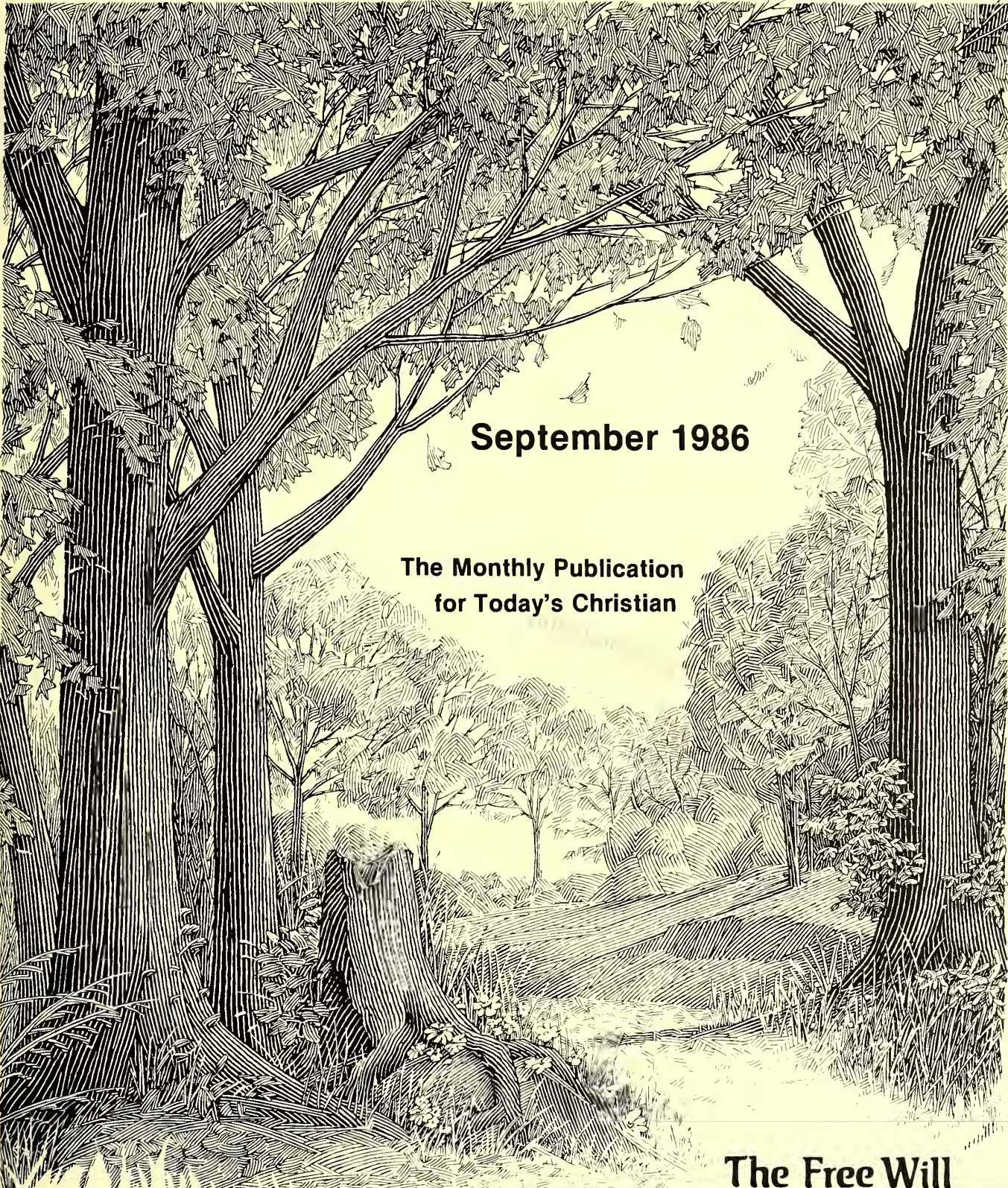


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**1986 Session:
September 17-18**

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Registration for the 1986 State Convention will begin on Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 10 a.m. (Other registration periods are as follows: Wednesday, 1:15-2 p.m.; Thursday, 9-9:30 a.m.) The Convention will begin at 9:30 a.m. (The schedule for the Convention can be found on Pages 4-5).

During the course of the session, sermons will be delivered by the Revs. Steve Sprinkle and Frank Ray Harrison. Mr. Sprinkle teaches in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. Mr. Harrison serves as Chaplain at Mount Olive College.

The 1986 Missions Rally will begin at 7:30 Wednesday evening, with the Foreign Missions Board responsible for the program. The theme for the Rally is "Celebration of Praise." The Rally will be the first time visitors have attended from the Convention's work in the Philippines. The Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, will bring

greetings from the church. The Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible College in the Philippines, will deliver the message. The Grubbs family will also be commissioned for service during this event. A special offering will be taken for the missions work of the State Convention that night. Funds not earmarked for either foreign missions or home missions work will be divided between the two departments.

Remember, each church should send its pastor and his wife as well as its delegates; and they should attend all sessions.

An information desk will be set up to assist anyone with any questions on locations as well as Convention facilities. Denominational enterprises and institutions will also be relating the present status of their respective organization and telling about projected goals.

The importance of the Convention cannot be over emphasized.

*Seventy-Fourth Annual Session
of the
North Carolina State Convention
of
Original Free Will Baptists*

**College Hall
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina**

Wednesday, September 17, 1986

MORNING SESSION

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| 8:30 | Registration of Ministers and Delegates | |
| 9:30 | Convention Called to Order | The Rev. Scott Sowers |
| | Congregational Singing | Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bircher |
| | Scripture and Prayer | The Rev. Mike Tart |
| | Welcome | The Rev. Frank Harrison |
| | Partial Report of the Credentials Committee | |
| 9:50 | President's Remarks | The Rev. Gary M. Bailey |
| | Appointment of Committees | |
| | Executive Committee Report | |
| | Miscellaneous Business | |

REPORTS

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| 10:10 | Foreign Missions | The Rev. Harold Jones |
| 10:25 | Mount Olive College | Dr. W. Burkette Raper |
| 11:00 | Congregational Singing | |
| | Offering for the Convention | |
| | Introductory Message | The Rev. Steve Sprinkle |
| 11:45 | Recess for Lunch | |

AFTERNOON SESSION

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| 1:15 | Registration | |
| 1:30 | Congregational Singing | |
| | Recognition of Fraternal Delegates | |
| 1:40 | Hymnal Committee | The Rev. Donald Coates |
| 1:55 | Children's Home | The Rev. Bobby R. Taylor |
| 2:10 | Retirement Homes | The Rev. Walter J. Sutton |
| 2:15 | Home Missions | The Rev. David C. Hansley |
| 2:25 | Minister's Program | The Rev. Donald Fader |
| 2:40 | Church Finance | The Rev. Walter Reynolds |
| 2:50 | Press | Mr. R. Clifford Gray |

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1986

MORNING SESSION

- 9:00- 9:30 Final Registration
9:25 Congregational Singing
Scripture and Prayer
9:35 Carolina Bible Institute
9:45 General Conference
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10:25 State League Convention
10:30 Historical Commission
10:35 Ministerial Association
10:40 Camp Vandemere
10:45 Treasurer's Report
10:50 Chaplain's Commission
10:55 Miscellaneous Business
11:00 Congregational Singing
Offering for the Convention
Message
11:45 Recess for Lunch

The Rev. Tony McLamb
Dr. Floyd B. Cherry
The Rev. Harry Jones
The Rev. John R. Williams
The Rev. Bass Mitchell
Miss Sarah Willoughby
Mr. Paul Beamon
The Rev. Ed Thornton
The Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood
The Rev. Graham Lane
The Rev. Ralph Sumner
The Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood

The Rev. Frank Harrison

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 Congregational Singing and Prayer
1:40 Obituary Committee
1:45 Final Report of the Credentials Committee
Resolutions Committee
Nominating Committee

Please Note: If any Board, Commission or Committee desires to report and is not on the printed program, a representative should see the President or Secretary to schedule a report. We kindly ask that you understand that no one was omitted purposely.

All announcements should be given in writing to our timekeepers at the table near the speaker's platform. This will enable us to keep our Convention operating in an orderly manner.

Anyone with church letters or contributions is urged to turn these in to the Secretary as early as possible. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



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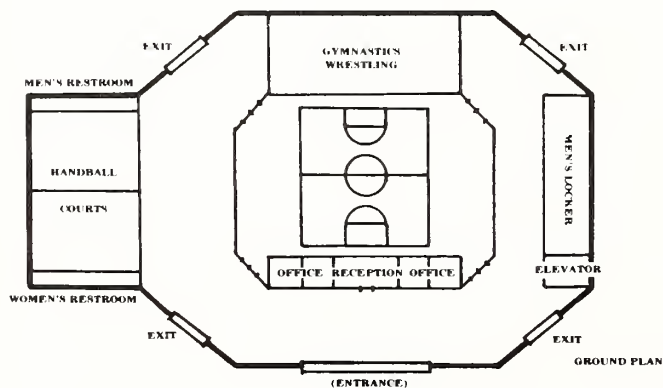
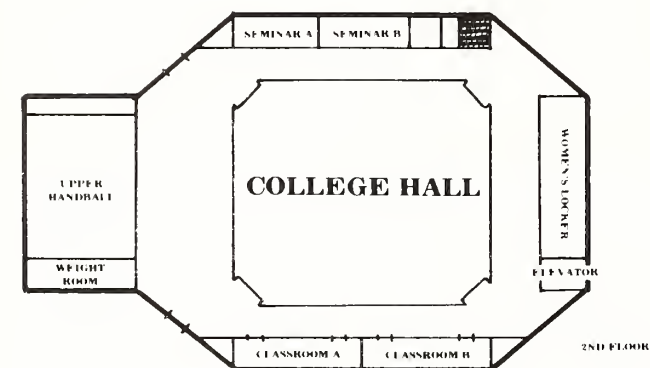
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EVANGELISM RALLY

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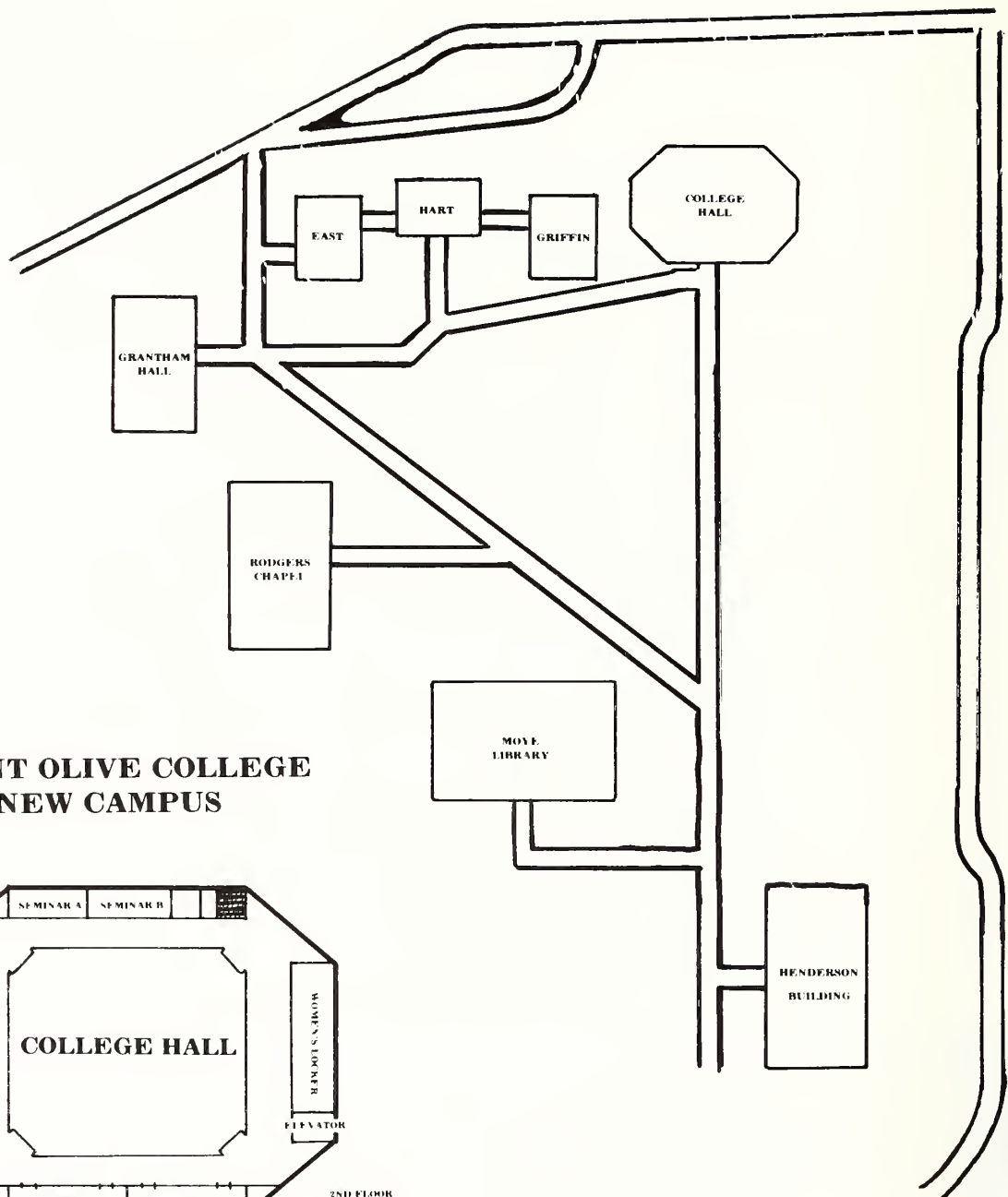
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CONVENTION SITE

The 1986 Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will be held in College Hall, located on the Mount Olive College campus. The location and design of the building are given for you below.





DELEGATES

Delegates are the official representatives of each local church to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Each delegate may represent as many as 100 members of a local church. It is their votes, combined with the votes of ministers, conference representatives, and Convention officials, that determine the business of our Convention. These people—your delegates—are important!

Delegates should be elected or chosen based on their ability to represent your church and its people, rather than on the basis of extra time and a willingness to attend. Delegates should be aware of their selection as your representatives and that you are counting on them to represent you! It is impossible for you to be fully represented without the presence of your delegates throughout the entire Convention. Representation on one day only will not give you

a voice in the total operation of the Convention, because business is conducted on both days.

Many times the local church is faced with a problem: those who they would like to represent them are not available. Perhaps if the importance of your representation is explained and demonstrated in the selection, more would be willing to serve. The church might also consider paying the expenses that a person would incur in serving as a delegate. Perhaps the expenditure of funds and the request for a report following the Convention will help keep the importance of the work of delegates at the Convention in proper perspective!

What can the church do about those who just want to go to the Convention? They are welcome to attend. The Convention encourages visitors. However, only your official delegates will be voting. Be represented this year; let your church participate. It is **our** Convention!

INVITING YOU TO JOIN A CELEBRATION OF PRAISE

**State Convention Missions Rally
Foreign Missions Department in Charge**

**September 17, 1986; 7:30 P.M.
College Hall, Mount Olive College**

**For the first time we will have visitors
with us from our work in the Philippines.**



The Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, will bring greetings from the church in the Philippines.



The Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible College in the Philippines, will deliver the message at the Rally.



The Grubbs family will be commissioned for service to the Philippines.

There will be special music and testimonies. Former missionaries will be in charge of the Rally. This should be the greatest Rally we have ever held. Your attendance will make it possible—come and meet these our brothers from the Philippines. Come and bring a large number from your church. Don't miss this historical occasion.

Remember your special offerings assure the continued progress of missions in our church world-wide.

Prayer requests: Pray for the Mission Rally, for the speakers, special music, weather, attendance, and for the best offering ever.



How Do You Catch A Falling Star?

by Jim Smoke

One of the toughest things we face in the Christian community is dealing with the well publicized sins of our Christian leaders. Leading the current list of these sins is immorality, financial indiscretion, homosexuality and divorce. Scarcely a week goes by before we hear of one more known or unknown shepherd of the flock who has gotten sidetracked while attempting to serve God. Since we do not have a Christian version of *The National Enquirer* or *The Star*, our media hotline is through the well-known gossip grapevine that twists and turns through the Christian community. "Did you hear about . . ." gets our immediate attention in both church pews as well as church parking lots. We seem more than eager to hear the latest and pass it along the Christian conduit to those with itching ears. We find ourselves

willing and eager to listen with rapt interest to the decline and fall of those in Christian leadership, forgetting too quickly that we may have elevated them into that same leadership by purchasing their books and records, watching their film series or attending their seminars. We even lined up to tug on their sleeve and have them sign our very own book.

The Christian community, not unlike the secular community, has created its own star system. We have crowned our heroes and support them vigorously as long as they ride white horses. We drop their names with everyday frequency as we listen to them on television and radio. Our financial support of their product and person can elevate them to wealth and lifestyle that most of us only dream of. (In many ways they become too much like the golden calf idols of the Old Testament.)

Then it happens! One of them falls victim to the same potholes that loom before all of us as we journey down the road of life. Yet, because they were once our very own stars, we respond through the angry avenues of our emotion. We judge, we indict, we condemn, we ignore, we discuss. We load our verbal six-gun and shoot harsh words at them until they are all but dead. Then we go out and look for a new hero and a new star to place in our Christian galaxy.

Paul the apostle lived in a culture that apparently operated much like ours. His letter to the Galatians (6:1) speaks to this same issue of dented and bruised Christian leadership.

"Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted." Strong words that seem to have fallen through the

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cracks in our contemporary Christian community. There are two key thoughts in here for you and me. The first is restoration. Loving care has restoration as its end goal. As I listen, I seldom hear people talking about restoring those who tumble by the roadside. Instead, I hear gossip and condemnation.

True, restoration is a process which requires a willing, repentant spirit on the other end. Unfortunately, too many of the fallen look for vindication and justification rather than restoration. But while waiting for the repentant heart, there are at least three things we can do:

1. Stop the gossip. It brings only harm to the Kingdom of God;
2. Pray for the fallen. Our prayers can cross all the miles and barriers;
3. Write them a note of encouragement. Let them know you are praying and believing for restoration . . . for the healing of wounds.

Then when repentance does come, accept it. Jesus said that unless we forgive others, He will not forgive us.

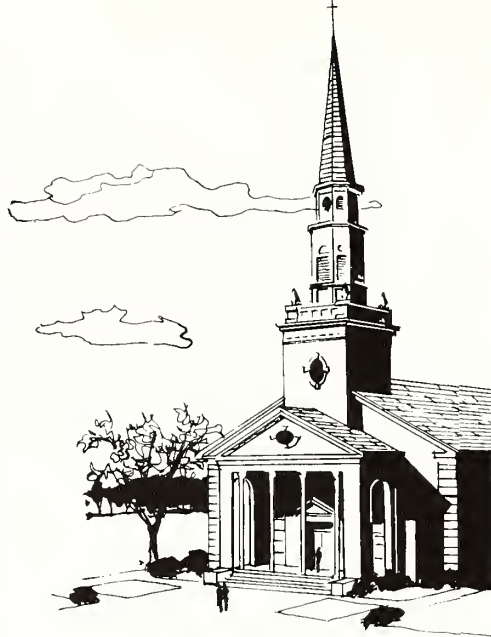
The second key through for us from Paul's passage is this: "Look to yourself, lest you also be tempted." There but for the grace of God fall I into the same swamp! If I look to myself and take care of shoring up my own life, I will have no time left over for the sport of passing judgment on others. Their indiscretions will be my warning signs.

How do you catch a falling star? You reach out in love and pray that your love will be received. You pray for that person that God will use you or someone else as a healing and restoring catalyst of love.

A stumbling brother or sister in leadership is not a time for a trial and sentencing. It is a time for love and understanding and a raising of the goalposts of restoration.

How do you catch a falling star? Gently!

—Reprinted from *Spirit!* November/December, 1985.



WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GREAT?

by Alan Highers

LOYALTY TO THE WORD OF GOD

In order for a church to be great, it must be loyal to the Word of God. After the church was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost after the death, burial, and Resurrection of Christ, we read "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). John said, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9). It makes no difference how large a church may be, nor how many buses it operates, nor how much benevolent work it does, if it does not first manifest loyalty to the Word of God, it is not truly a great church.

Fruitful

A church must not only be faithful, however, but also fruitful. We cannot emphasize loyalty to the truth too much, but that loyalty must be coupled with zeal. We are to be "zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). Remember, Paul did not say "jealous" of good works, but "zealous." He admonished the Galatians, "And let

us not be weary in well doing" (Galatians 6:9). Solomon said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). We must not only preach and teach the truth, but we must live the truth. John wrote to Gaius, saying, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 4). Paul told Titus that we are "to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1).

Generous

For true greatness a church must be liberal—no, not liberal in doctrine, but liberal in giving. Of the Macedonians Paul said, "But first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5). Paul further stated, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). We receive as we give; if we give little, we receive little. If we give much, we receive much. How difficult it is to learn that simple lesson! Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38).

Fellowship

Greatness in a congregation is also dependent, to a large extent, upon the spirit of its members. Paul always had special affection for the Philippians, and he said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3). Some congregations are able to cultivate a spirit of closeness and a bond of fellowship which distinguishes them. A man recently told me of the closeness and joy he found in a congregation in another state where he lived. He had visited other churches but never had he found such a spirit again. Having held meetings in that congregation, I knew whereof he spoke. We need to develop a spirit whereby we are all "of one heart and of one soul" (Acts 4:32).

—Reprinted from *The Sword of Truth*.

1986 SUPERBALL TOURNAMENT

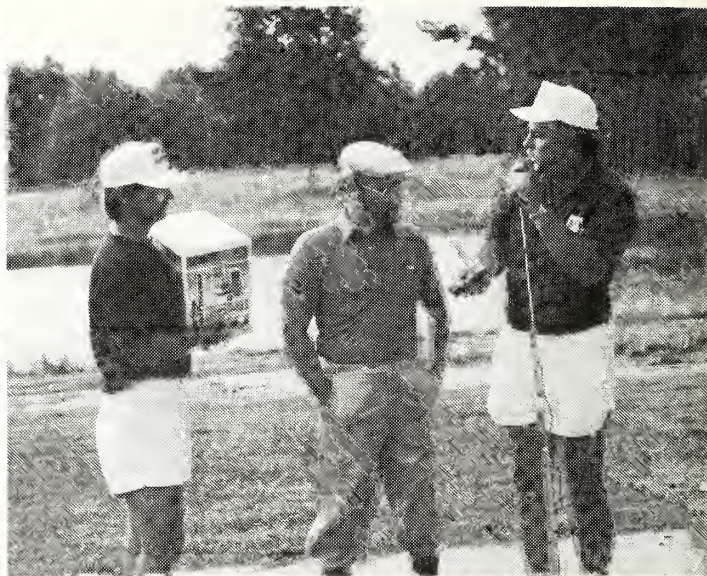


October 2, 1980, marked the beginning of a new and exciting event for Cragmont. On that day, the first Cragmont Superball Golf Tournament was held. Although support and participation lacked luster, enthusiasm was high.

The 1980 edition featured 26 golfers, offered \$500 in prizes, took in \$150 in contributions, and showed tournament profits of \$280. Seventeen people were present to eat a meal that cost \$150 to have catered. The tournament was beset by cloudy, cool weather conditions which ultimately yielded a chilly late afternoon shower. The atmosphere was more like a Saturday afternoon golf outing than that of a tournament. In spite of the minimal success, the participants expressed much enthusiasm and urged that the tournament be continued. It has—and it has grown beyond anyone's expectations.

The 1986 edition, the seventh, was expanded to take place on two days, with three different tee times. It was held at Happy Valley in Wilson, August 14-15. Over 260 golfers took part in the event, which yielded approximately \$3,600 for Cragmont.

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(Top left) Jordan Smith (left) receives a trophy from Rick Watson (center) and Craig Simmons; (top right) Donnie Watson (center) receives his prizes from Craig Simmons and Rick Watson; (bottom left) a winning tournament team; (bottom right) part of the pig picking crowd.

Members of the winning teams were as follows: First place, Mickey Grizzard, Ralph Broughton, Bill Hunter, Bill Isaacs; second place, Jody Jones, Russell Williams, Kay Manning, Alton Absher; third place, George Vick, Moon Mullens, Joe Bland, Hilda Absher. The handicapped morning winners were Drew Nelson, Robin Grant, John Pritchett, Zeb Musgrave; evening winners, Marvin Waters, Eddie Kwasnik, Neal Spruill, Clifton Cayton.

Jordan Smith was recognized for having come closest to pin

number 6 and for the longest drive of the tournament; Donnie Watson, who aced hole number 10, was recognized for having come closest to the pin.

Participation in and support of this tournament allows one to see that this is more than recreation. It has developed into a ministry of outreach, witness and awareness. God has worked through this ministry and blessed it far beyond the dreams of even the most courageous golf enthusiast who participated in that 1980 tournament.



THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

PASTORS' AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' BANQUET

Sponsored by North Carolina Free Will
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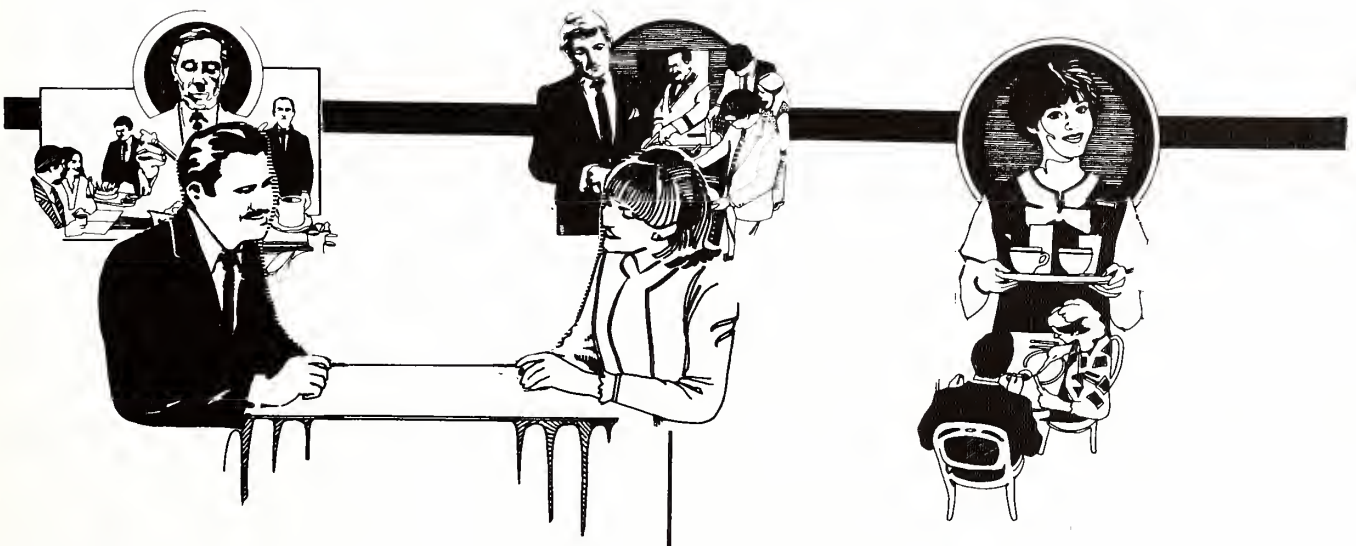
September 5, 1986
King's Restaurant
Kinston, North Carolina
7 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jesse McDaniels
President, Lenoir Community College

Dinner: Combination Plate
\$5.50 (Payable at the Door)

Pastors, Superintendents, and Their Wives
Are Invited and Encouraged to Attend

For Additional Information: Contact Jack Bircher
638-8321



EVANGELISM IN JUNE 1986

by Dr. E. M. Lall



Indian deacons with Bibles for distribution.

Evangelism can never be done apart from Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, Christ is **prepared** for us; in the Gospels, Christ is **portrayed** for us; in the Book of Acts, Christ is **proclaimed** unto us; in the Epistles, Christ is **perceived** for us; in the Book of Revelation, Christ is **preeminent** among us.

Our faith and doctrine of the church lay more emphasis upon evangelism and so the church in India believes and acts accordingly. Since the very beginning of the church work in India we made the month of June of our special efforts to evangelize people at various places of interest. In Hindi, we say that a "witnessing church is a living church" and in this very context our church organization, though in minority, is very well known in the length and breadth of the country.

The total membership in our church will soon cross the figures of 9000 and a large part of this membership is from those who were evangelized within this span of eleven years. During this church year alone 391 souls have been brought in the fold of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though the task ahead of us is becoming more and more difficult, we are not led by fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. Although, we do not know the future but we know that the Lord will continue to reign and He is always with us according to His promise.

Our Ministerial Council had wisely decided to enrich people around their circuits with the gospel, so as to be more effective in their functions as ministers and evangelists in the rest of the year. Our past experience has shown that with

the mass preaching of the Word of God, our circuit headquarters have become well known and the ministry of our church is proving to be fruitful. Therefore, we again launched a strong campaign, circuit-wise, in six groups of six each, fully equipped with literature, New Testaments and the Bibles. They visited 329 villages in a period of little more than three weeks and covered approximately 300 miles. Our ministers and deacons are not as ill-equipped as they were before, since the Board of Missions has provided many of them with bicycles, which is a common conveyance befitting the rural situation of our country, and also with substantial material for preaching and handing out to the seekers. According to a rough estimate, not less than 164,500 people came in contact who were challenged for their eternity. We are excited that those who were convicted last year were more helpful to accompany the evangelists from one place to the other. We feel abundantly blessed that 12 out of such a lot had received Christ as their personal Saviour.

The group method introduced by us is of immense success and encouraging to our people so far as their effective preaching and security is concerned. A good example of this are the numerous Bible studies and evangelistic fellowships in homes in various countries today. Such was the experience of Peter in the home of Cornelius (Acts 10:24-48).

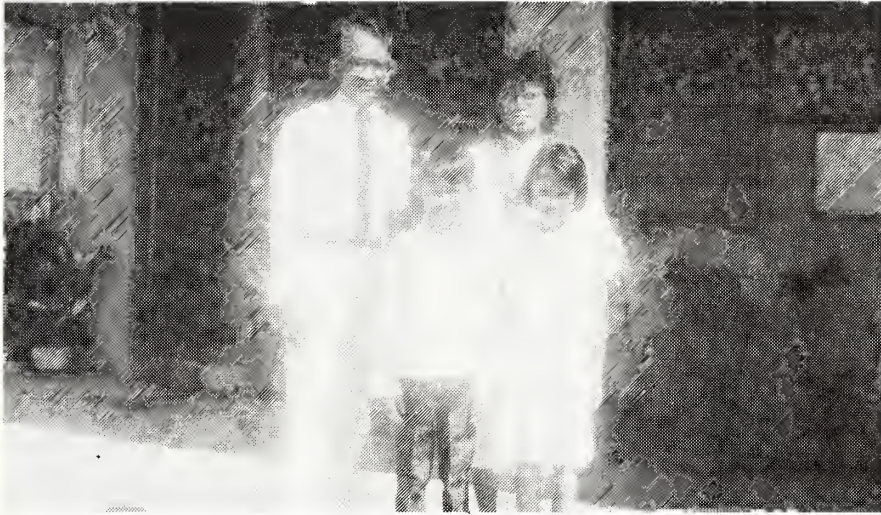
Our ministers and deacons continue a follow-up program during the rest of the months, making sure that decisions for Christ where made are properly taken care of and that the souls who commit themselves do not go astray.

Our country so desperately needs Christ. At the moment

only about 3% of the total population of our country are His followers. However, mindful of our own needs, we acknowledge with penitence that we have fallen far short of giving as strong and urgent a witness as our Lord demands amongst our countrymen. In this effort the Board of Foreign Missions is a big shareholder. They support us financially and we toil hard physically!

PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM YEAR'S LEAVE

by Fred Baker



The Rev. Ludgerio (Roger) E. Malinao and his family at their homecoming party.

The President of Palawan Bible College, the Rev. Ludgerio E. Malinao, and his family were greeted by friends and relatives at the Puerto Princesa City airport on April 30, 1986. Following the airport welcome everyone enjoyed lunch and a welcome home program at the Palawan Bible College Campus where the Malinao family resides.

Mr. Malinao, his wife, Pablita, and their two children, Maricar and Marvin, have been living in Malabon, Metro Manila, for the past year. He has been studying at the Far East Advanced School of Theology working on his Masters Program. On May 1, 1986, Mr. Malinao resumed his duties as President of the College. Mrs. Malinao resumed her duties as kitchen supervisor when PBC opened in June. Marvin will be studying in grade two and Maricar in grade three this year.

Thank you for praying for the Malinaos during their study leave of absence. Please continue to pray for them and God's leadership as they labor at the College to help prepare laborers for Christ's vineyard.

SIXTH GRADUATION EXERCISES

by Fred Baker

The Sixth Graduation Exercises of Palawan Bible College were held on March 26, 1986, at the College campus. Special speakers for this occasion were the Revs. Pio dela Rosa and Ludgerio E. Malinao. Each brought challenging messages to the graduates, parents, relatives, and friends. Eleven graduating students received an Associate of Biblical Education Diplomas. Valedictorian of the graduating class was Alex Peter Flor; salutatorian was Dios dado Manzano. The student of the year award is given

to the most outstanding student picked from the entire student body. This year's Student of the Year Award went to Ruben Flor, a freshman.

In the faculty, Miss Beatriz Rodriguez Manzano was presented a five-year service award. Miss Manzano has resigned her position with the College at the close of the school year to pursue her own interest. Also, all the students selected by secret ballot the teacher of the year. This year's award of teacher of the year was presented to Missionary Willem van der Plas for his outstanding work. Palawan Bible College was very pleased to present to Missionaries Willem and Lydia van der Plas a special award for their benevolence to the College this 1985-86 school year.

The Graduation was held outside in front of the Administration Building. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and fellowship following the program.

Palawan Bible College is the former Palawan Bible Institute, which was founded in 1979. In June of 1985, the two-year institute entered into the college division of higher education, changing its name to Palawan Bible College. The College offers the student a choice of three bachelor majors: (1) a Bachelor of Christian Ministry in Bible and Theology, (2) a Bachelor of Christian Ministry in Christian Education, and (3) a Bachelor of Christian Ministry in Church Music. The College also continues to offer the two-year Associate of Biblical Education degree.

Enrollment for the '86-87 school year was June 14, 1986. Palawan Bible College will award its first bachelor degrees to the graduating class in March, 1987.



Board of Home Missions

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SEPTEMBER 1986

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14 Ezek. 46-48	15 Daniel 1-3	16 Daniel 4-6	17 Daniel 7-9	18 Daniel 10-12	19 Hosea 1-6	20 Hosea 7-14
21 Joel 1-3	22 Amos 1-5	23 Amos 6-9; Oba. 1	24 Jonah 1-4	25 Micah 1-7	26 Nah. 1-3; Hab. 1-3	27 Zeph. 1-3; Hag. 1-2
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September is Home Missions Month.

WE'LL BE THERE!

Where? At the State Convention in September. We'll have a display. Come by and learn more about the programs we offer your Sunday School. The Field Secretary will be at the display to talk with you, set up meetings with your church, and explore ways we can be of service to you. See you there!

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 1986

For what? Nominating one or more of your Sunday School teachers to be Teacher of the Year. For all the materials and information you need, write or call: Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530; 734-8378.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

What? March 7, 1987! That's the date for the next meeting of the State Sunday School Convention.

The theme will be, "A Growing Sunday School." The workshops will be related to the theme. The workshops will include evangelizing children, youth, and adults through the Sunday School. The workshop for ministers and superintendents will set forth practical ways for helping a Sunday School grow. Additional workshops on a variety of topics will also be offered.

Read *The Free Will Baptist* for further information. Plan now to attend! You'll be glad you did!

TRAINING PROGRAMS OFFERED

Your Sunday School Convention has a variety of training programs for Sunday School officers and teachers. These programs are designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to carry out their ministries.

Our certification program consists of two training programs for teachers and one for superintendents and ministers. The training involves guided reading, seminars, and classes. We have a booklet that gives all the details. Write or call the Field Secretary for all the booklets you need.

The Field Secretary also offers a variety of workshops helpful for training Sunday School workers and improving your whole Sunday School program. These workshops are developed and designed to address the individual needs and concerns of each Sunday School. See the last issue of *The Free Will Baptist* for a list of them.

Also, we offer workshops and seminars at our annual convention. They are very practical and have been meaningful for those who have participated.

One of the essentials for an effective and growing Sunday School is trained workers. The training programs are available! There is no excuse for not having trained workers? Take advantage of these programs! It will make a difference in your Sunday School!

BOOK REVIEW

Renewing the Sunday School and the CCD. It's edited by D. Campbell Wyckoff. It was published by Religious Education Press in 1986.

A word of explanation is in order. "CCD" stands for "The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine." This is an organization in the Roman Catholic Church that's devoted to the religious education of Catholic Christians. So this book is for both Protestants and Catholics.

There are eleven chapters in the book. Four of them are on the CCD. The remainder concentrate on the Sunday School.

This book is an excellent

assessment of where the Sunday School has been, where it is now, where it's headed, and ways to renew it. It's an excellent resource for Sunday School councils and boards of Christian education.

This book can be ordered through any of our bookstores.

IDEAS

Absentees

The article on the next page, "Did You Miss Me?" is on the importance of letting absentees know they are missed. Make copies of the article for the members of your Sunday School council and teachers. Use it as a springboard for discussion in your next meeting.

Recognition Banquet

This is a great way to honor your teachers and officers of the past year and your new ones. It's a banquet for them and the whole church in their honor. It can be held after the morning service or on Sunday evening. It's a good way to thank them, motivate them, and emphasize to the whole church the importance of the Sunday School.

A Sunday School Bulletin

You cannot promote your Sunday School too much! Here's another way to promote it.

Make a bulletin, newsletter, or flier to give out in your opening assembly each Sunday. It could have the following in it: announcements relating to your Sunday School, class meetings and trips, statistics on attendance, list of new officers and teachers, class and teacher of the week, comics relating to the Sunday School, and unlimited other items.

For a sample of such a promotional paper, write to the Field Secretary.



"Did You Miss Me?"

by Bass Mitchell

That's what an elderly lady asked a superintendent as he greeted her at Sunday School one Sunday morning. How embarrassed he was to realize he didn't know she had been gone!

One of the problems in any size Sunday School is that persons can often be absent without really being missed. When that happens, something is very wrong!

Every person should feel such a part of the Sunday School that they know they are missed when absent. We all need to be missed and told so. It says, "You're important to us. We care about you. We love you." Who doesn't need to feel that way?

DISTURBING DISCOVERIES

As I began to think about and do research on this problem, I made some disturbing discoveries. Every week each Sunday School has quite a few persons absent for a variety of reasons. The majority of the Sunday Schools are

doing little if anything to say to these absentees, "We missed you!"

I was dismayed to find that it's not uncommon in most classes to have persons who have been absent for over a month! Yet, no one seems to know why or bothers to contact them.

Many Sunday Schools have no absentee follow-up policy. Nor do they provide absentee materials to the classes. Following up on absentees is just a "small" detail many Sunday Schools have overlooked.

Does this mean that we do not care about them or miss them? In some cases it does! However, I think the reason for this is that we just assume absentees know we miss them. But how will they know unless they are told and shown?

How can you meet this need? The rest of this article will try to answer that question, along with sharing some creative ways other Sunday Schools are saying, "We missed you!"

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

AN ABSENTEE POLICY

You need to draft a policy statement on absentee follow-up. It can be done by your Sunday School Council, Board of Christian Education, or your pastor and superintendent.

The following is an example of such a policy.

1. Time should be taken in each class session to identify absentees. An effort should be made to determine the reasons for the absences, especially those due to illness or some other crisis.
2. Each absentee should be contacted every week. This should be done as early in the week as possible.
3. Suggested means of contact: cards, letters, calls, and visits. Classes are encouraged to be creative in their ways of saying, "We missed you!"
4. Each teacher is expected to see to it that the above procedures are followed each week, as well as setting an example in personally following up absentees. However, this is the responsibility of all class members.
5. The superintendent will be responsible for explaining this policy, seeing that it's followed, and supplying classes with absentee materials as needed. Also, he or she can assist in the actual following up of absentees, as well as following up on absent teachers.
6. The purpose of this policy is not to inflict guilt on absentees. It is a practical means of saying and showing that we care!
7. In the course of contacting absentees, you may discover persons with special needs. If appropriate, share these with the class and pastor so that further ministry may be given.



AN ABSENTEE PACKET

Now you will face the problem of how to get this policy and the absentee materials to the classes. Here's one way.

Purchase a box of large zip lock plastic bags. Print your policy or guidelines for absentee follow-up on a colored piece of paper. Next you staple this paper to the inside of the bag. It can easily be read through the clear plastic.

Put the following materials in the bag: absentee cards, church stationery, a church directory if you have one, stamps, and a pen. You will want to use different absentee cards for the various age groups.

This packet contains all the materials and information the classes need. It should be kept in each class so that it's available each Sunday.

BE CREATIVE!

Cards and calls can become mere routine. Encourage your classes to be creative. It's a greater expression of caring.

Let your class make a banner. It could have the person's name on it, a message from the class, personal messages from class members, and the signature of class members. This is especially good for children and youth who are sick. It can be put up on their wall.

Why not use a cassette or video tape to record a message from your class? I heard of a senior high class that regularly does this. They have great fun and fellowship doing it.

I remember one video they did. It was their version of a Christian music video. They made up the words and the music to express how they felt about their class and absent class members. Now that's creative!

Let your class make the absentee cards. This could be done by all age groups. Let them make these during a lesson on caring.

Let each person in the class write a personal note or letter to the absentees. This is an especially effective way to say, "We missed you!" The letters can be mailed or taken to the absentees.

Do you have anyone in your church who is skilled in the art of calligraphy? Let him or her design and write some absentee cards.

One teacher brings her camera to class. She takes pictures of the children waving or holding up messages to absentees. The children sign the back of the pictures. The pictures are then sent to the absentees.

CONCLUSION

"Did you miss me?" That's a question no one in the Sunday School should ever have to ask!

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE REPORTS A YEAR OF SIGNIFICANCE AND CHANGE

Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper characterizes fiscal year 1985-86 "as one of extraordinary significance and change" in his annual report to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

SENIOR COLLEGE PROGRAM

Dr. Raper notes that the major achievement of the past year was the development of Mount Olive into a four-year college. The year culminated with the awarding of the first baccalaureate degrees on May 10. Approximately 1300 people attended the graduation exercises. Baccalaureate degrees were awarded to 49 students, and 76 received associate degrees during the historic ceremony in College Hall. Graduation speaker, the Honorable James B. Hunt Jr., called it "the greatest day in the 259-year history of Original Free Will Baptists."

The report summarizes other phases of the College including a projected increase in enrollment and the availability of financial aid.

Students received approximately \$1,508,000 in financial aid during 1985-86 from federal, state and College sources. For the upcoming 1986-87 year, the Legislative Tuition Grant has been increased to \$1000 for North Carolina students. Qualified Free Will Baptist students are eligible for an annual \$1500 Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant. These two programs together are worth \$10,000 over a four-year period.

Established last year, the Charter Library Patrons program was developed to help bring the total library collection to 50,000 volumes. Donors

who contribute \$25 per month for 40 months, or a total of \$1000, are recognized as Library Patrons. To raise the required \$400,000, the program needs 400 patrons. More than 120 patrons have made gifts or pledges through July.

ENDOWMENTS AND GIFT SUPPORT

Forty-one new endowments were established last year, bringing the total to 261 endowment funds. Endowment increased by \$421,471 from July 1985—June 1986, for a total of \$2,243,878. In addition to the above funds, the College qualified for a \$500,000 Endowment Matching Grant from the United States Office of Education.

Voluntary gifts and bequests for all purposes set a new record of \$1,503,369 during the fiscal year. Donors included Free Will Baptist Churches and church organizations, \$235,633; Free Will Baptist individuals and families, \$561,067; charitable foundations, \$68,000; business and industry, \$179,952; and individual friends, \$458,667.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Dr. Raper listed services to the church which include providing a senior college for Free Will Baptists, removing the financial barrier to education for Free Will Baptist young people and ministers, and supporting other denominational enterprises in the advancement of their work. The College also co-sponsors an annual two-day Ministers' Institute; provides pulpit supply (123 church appointments last year); and offers night classes, extension courses and workshops for the benefit of both ministers and lay persons.

"Beyond its many specific

services, Mount Olive College helps to provide a positive identity and image for Free Will Baptists throughout the state, the nation and the world," states Dr. Raper.

A QUEST FOR THE BEST

In the report Dr. Raper announces the theme for the new year at Mount Olive College, "Our Quest for the Best."

"The future depends upon our uniting two considerations," writes Dr. Raper. "The College must be worthy of what it asks, and the Free Will Baptist Church must believe that the College merits what it needs. The quest for the best must be a joint venture."

The report cites the quest for the best in education, service to the church, gift support and in Christian fellowship.

In education—new majors must be added, including music, teacher education, the sciences, mathematics and others.

In service to the church—Dr. Raper envisions establishing a Christian Resource Center at Mount Olive that will coordinate services to the church including counseling, spiritual life development, youth programs, Bible study, Christian camping and a host of other programs. For all church programs the \$10 million campus, including Eagles Nest, is available for use by the Free Will Baptist denomination.

In gift support—the 1986-87 operating budget of the College will be approximately \$5 million. To balance the budget, \$950,000 will be needed in contributions. In addition, the College must continue to develop its endowment (a \$10 million endowment must be built by the earliest possible date), meet

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debt obligations on College Hall, and raise funds for a College Union.

In Christian fellowship—the report notes that the purpose of the annual college dinners is “to assist churches in generating gift support and to foster a spirit of Christian fellowship among our people.” The dinners which began in 1963 have totaled \$2,186,688. Under the direction of Mrs. Jean F. Ackiss, the goal for the 17 dinners in 1986 is \$210,000.

A special feature of the dinners is the Bridge Builder Clubs which recognize donors who make unrestricted gifts as follows: College Club, \$100-499; President's Club, \$500-999; and Trustees' Club, \$1000 or more.

“The work of Mount Olive College far exceeds our human ability to perform it,” declares Dr. Raper. “We look at the past with gratitude and the future with faith. We thank God for all His blessings, and we thank His people who have invested in His work at Mount Olive College.”

OUR “QUEST FOR THE BEST” LAUNCHES COLLEGE DINNERS

This year's College dinner theme, “A Quest for the Best,” weaves its challenge into the very fabric of Mount Olive College. Academics, spiritual life, student life, athletics, church support—in fact, all phases of the College are joining together in the quest.

As Jean Ackiss, coordinator of the dinners puts it, “For years we talked about becoming a four-year college, and now we are one. We have not reached where we want to be. We're still seeking to fulfill the quest to make Mount Olive the BEST!”

Contributions from the 17 annual College dinners have traditionally provided outstanding unrestricted gift support to Mount Olive College.



These high school students from Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church seem to be excited about being on the Mount Olive College campus. They're in College Hall for the 1985 Wayne County college dinner.

Last year gifts from the dinners reached an unprecedented \$202,637.

The 1986-87 goal is \$210,000 the challenge is clearly set.

One of the ways available to help Free Will Baptists invest in the work of Christian higher education at Mount Olive College is through the Bridge Builder Clubs.

“The Bridge Builder program began in 1984,” says Mrs. Ackiss, “when the College invited donors to make unrestricted gifts of \$100 or more at the College dinners. Individuals, families and church groups who made gifts or pledges of \$100 or more were recognized as Bridge Builders.”

The idea caught on, and by the closing of the 1984 dinners, 325 Bridge Builders were named. Last year 465 Bridge

Builders responded, and three new Bridge Builder Clubs were offered: College Club, \$100-499; President's Club, \$500-999; and Trustees' Club, \$1000 or more.

Through the College dinners, Mount Olive provides members of its sponsoring church the opportunity to bring their gifts to their county dinners; to be a part of the tremendous “Quest to Be the Best.”

“Our quest results from the realization that this is a decisive moment in history for Original Free Will Baptists and the human race,” says President W. Burkette Raper. “People are seeking meaning in their lives and a foundation upon which to build their lives. Our success depends upon people of noble spirit who are willing to invest their resources in the Christian education of young men and women.”

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



Free Will Baptist family visits Mount Olive College—Laura Lamm, Mount Olive College admissions counselor, left, chats with Barbara Robbins and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Robbins, of Tarboro. The family toured the campus during one of three freshmen orientation days held this summer. Miss Robbins is a rising senior at Tarboro High School, and the family attends Tarboro Church. Freshmen orientation days were planned to help incoming students learn about Mount Olive and see the campus firsthand, but campus visits may be arranged at anytime. Free Will Baptist students are eligible to receive a \$1500 yearly Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant to attend Mount Olive College. Students may enroll for the fall semester through September 11 (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

BRIDGE BUILDERS, WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Bridge Builders, mark your calendars! **The date:** Saturday, September 13, at 12:00 noon. **The place:** College Hall.

The occasion is the second annual Bridge Builders event. A delicious luncheon and important announcements are planned for the individuals, families, and church groups who participated in the Bridge Builders program through the 1985 College dinners.

Bridge Builders, look for your invitations! You will be our honored guests at this very special event.

NIGHT COURSES—A SPECIAL SERVICE TO FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Night courses are planned at Mount Olive College as a special service to Free Will Baptist ministers and lay persons. The courses are scheduled to assist church members who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes during the day.

Below is the list of courses. For more information, contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, director of church relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone, 919/658-2502, office; or 919/658-9363, home.

Pastoral Ministry—Tuesday, begins September 2, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Room 211, Henderson. This course is an introductory course to the pastoral ministry (Frank R. Harrison, Instructor, 3 semester hours).

English Composition—Tuesday-Thursday, begins September 2, 7:45-9:15 p.m., Room 111, Henderson (Mrs. Elizabeth Braswell, Instructor, 3 semester hours).

Devotional Classics—Thursday, begins September 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Room 211, Henderson. This course is a study of some of the great classics and authors of devotional literature (Dr. Robert Price, Instructor, 1 semester hour).

Tuesday-Thursday Courses in Religion:

Religion in America—Begins September 2, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Everett Room, Library (Dr. Michael R. Pelt, Instructor, 3 semester hours).

Life and Teachings of Jesus—Begins September 2, 2:00-3:25 p.m., Everett Room, Library (Dr. Robert Price, Instructor, 3 semester hours).

Introduction to Old Testament—Begins September 2, 2:00-3:15 p.m., Room 201, College Hall (Dr. Michael R. Pelt, Instructor, 3 semester hours).

THEME FOR 1986 MINISTERS' INSTITUTE —“CHURCH GROWTH IS GOD'S WILL”

by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison

“It is God's will for your church to grow.” That statement opened the Ministers' Institute at Mount Olive College, August 4-5. The annual Institute is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists and Mount Olive College.

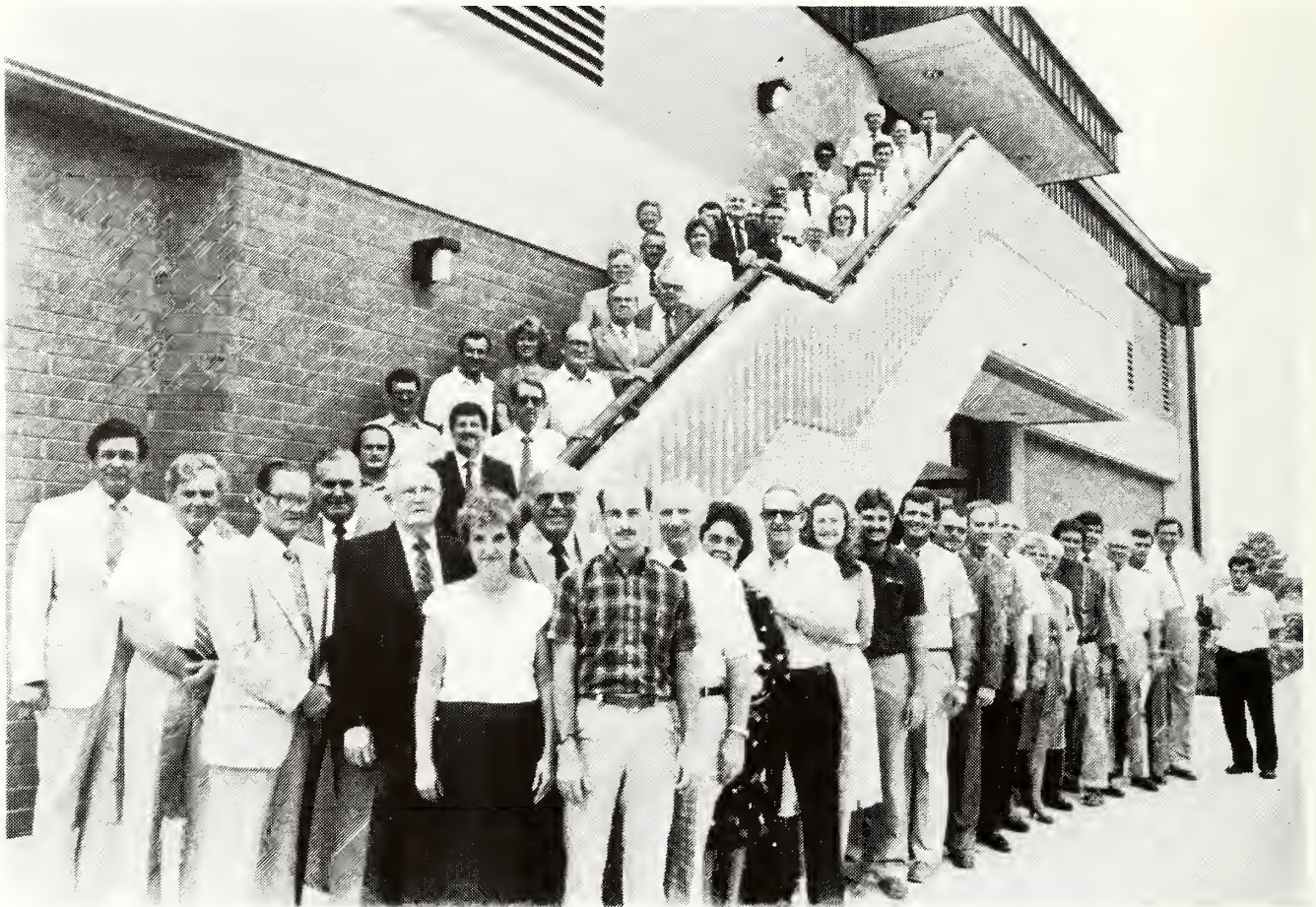
Dr. Harry H. Fowler, founder of Creative Growth Dynamics and a leading church growth consultant, spoke to the ministers and lay persons on the subject of why some churches grow and some merely exist and drift. He pointed out that 90 percent of all churches are not growing, and 85 percent of all churches never grow beyond their size at 15 years of age.

However, these trends can be changed through the science of church growth. Church leaders may investigate and understand those dynamics that lend themselves to the . . . “planting, multiplication, function and health of Christian churches as they relate specifically to the effective implementation of God's commission to make disciples of all nations.”

Dr. Fowler earned his doctorate in church growth from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He studied under Dr. C. Peter Wagner, Dr. Donald McGavran, and Dr. Win Arn, world leaders in church growth and evangelism.

Leading the group in understanding those factors that contribute to a positive biblical growing church, Dr. Fowler examined the New Testament principles of church growth.

The approximately 45 ministers and lay persons
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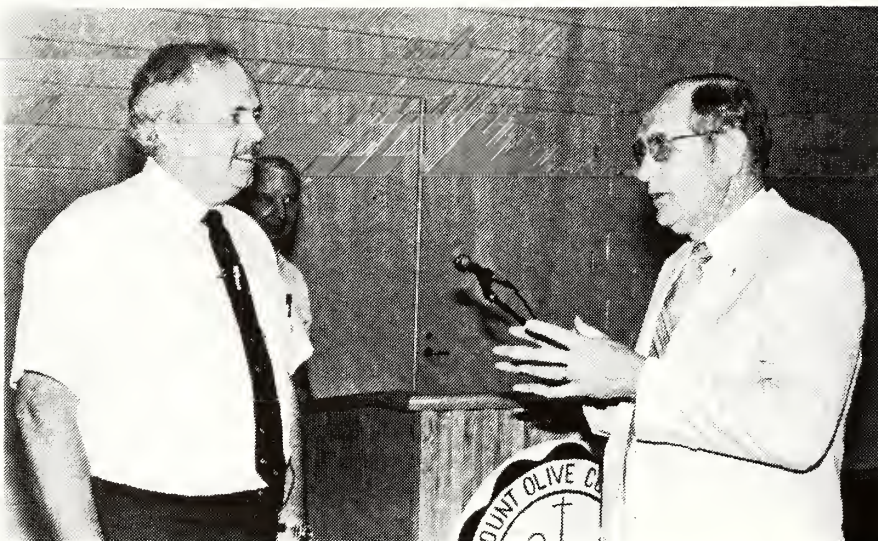


1986 Institute participants.

Dr. Fowler (left) talks with the Rev. A. B. Bryan, while the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison looks on.

worked out some church growth goals and objectives to be implemented in their local churches during the coming year.

Dr. Fowler plans to meet with those who attended the institute at a later date for follow-up and discussion.



Welcome Free Will Baptist State Convention—Mount Olive College is pleased to host the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists September 17-18. The convention will be preceded by an "Evangelism Rally" sponsored by the Home Mission Board at 7:30 p.m. on September 16. All sessions will be held in College Hall.



SUMMER'S END

The summer has passed quickly, but not without the lingering collections of memories for each of our "mental scrapbooks." The normal schedule for campus life, even under normal conditions, is hectic. From the very day that children are dismissed from public schools for the summer months, until the very day they return in the fall, plans and programs are being carried out that would send the average American household spinning into a nervous "frenzy!" With an age variation from five years (our youngest) to nineteen years of age (our oldest), it takes a great deal of team-planning, coordination and cooperation from all staff members to put together a total, **twenty-four hour per day** program that meets the needs of thirty-three children for an **entire summer**. For example, our young people who are fourteen years of age or older were enlisted in the summer work program through Nash County. This made it necessary to establish on-campus work responsibilities that provided at least twenty-eight hours of work per week for each youth. This, of course, necessitated the designation of supervisors at those work sites by whom the youth were evaluated. Also, our garden program placed great demands on Don Bachelor's maintenance department, as well as upon Cottage Supervisors for food preparations. Further, structured activities were needed to help manage the hours of free time for our smaller children who could not work in either of the two other programs. Other programs included pool scheduling and supervision, campus recreation, and visiting week-end and vacation coordination.



(Above) Structured programs for younger children are a necessity; (right) celebrating summer's end.



The Lord has blessed us with an extremely smooth-operating summer; and for this we celebrate in His goodness, and share this blessing with you. Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry.

Home Rules

1. *If you sleep on it... make it up*
2. *If you wear it... hang it up.*
3. *If you drop it... pick it up.*
4. *If you eat out of it... wash it.*
5. *If you step on it... wipe it up.*
6. *If you open it... close it.*
7. *If you empty it... fill it up.*
8. *If it rings... answer it.*
9. *If it howls... feed it.*
10. *If it cries... love it.*



TIPS FOR TOTS

Parents use these Tips for Tots with your children who are too young to read. It is important that you not frighten your child; but with repeated lessons—as with play school—teach him/her the following:

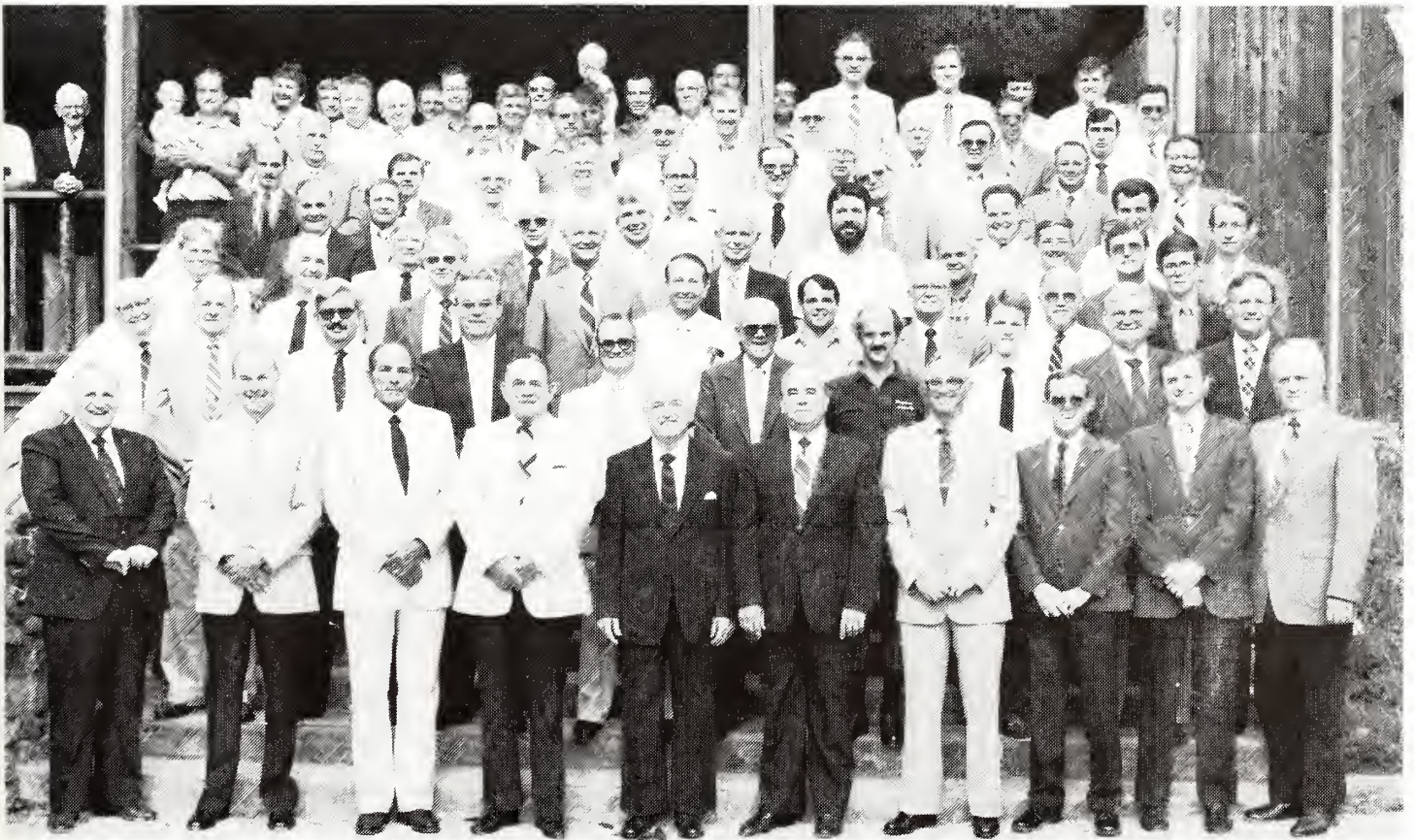
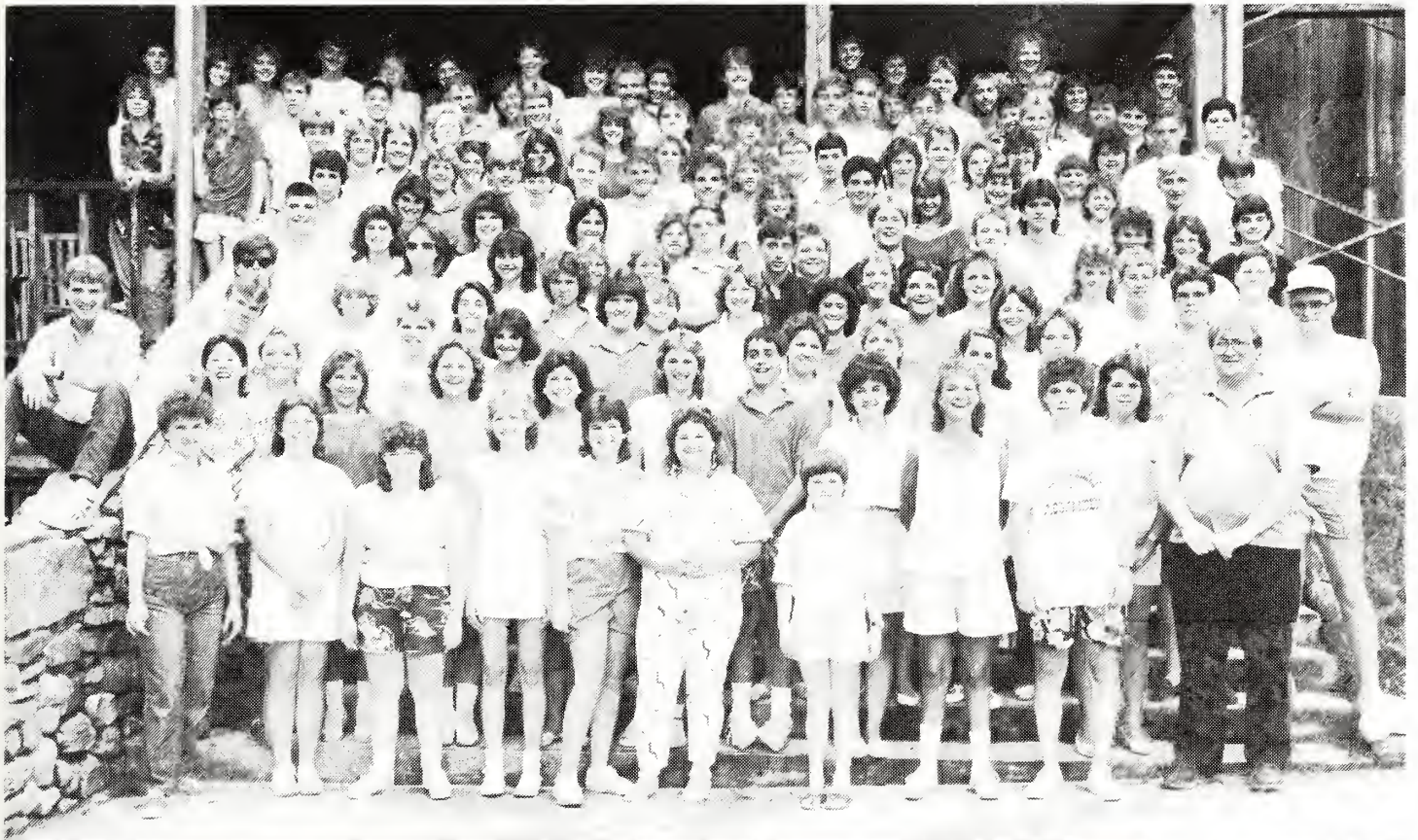
1. Never get into a car with a stranger.
 2. Always play with a friend—"be a buddy."
 3. Do not take presents from strangers.
 4. If a car pulls up where you are playing, back away and run either home or to a safe house.
 5. Teach him/her where a safe house is if you are going to be out.
 6. Teach your child to cry loudly for help and run if he/she is followed by foot or by car.
 7. Teach your child his name, address and telephone number and 0 for Operator.
 8. Practice dialing your number—including area code.
 9. Teach your child a magic word; and he/she is only to go with someone who knows the magic word. (Make it simple and reiterate often.)
 10. Never open the door when home alone. Teach your child to dial police if person persists.
 11. Never let anyone touch them in a way they do not like—especially in an area covered by a bathing suit, and if they do to tell you about it at once.
 12. Assure them of your love and that they will not be blamed if they tell you the truth.
 13. Never go anywhere without permission.
- It is sometimes a better learning experience if you teach several children at the same time. Repeat often as young children have a short memory span. Be sure to assure them of your love and approval.

TIPS FOR GRADE SCHOOL

Now that you are a big boy or girl, here are tips for your safety:

1. Always tell your parents where you will be.
2. Travel in groups or with a buddy. There is safety in numbers.
3. If you see someone hanging around the schoolyard or the park, tell your parents. Learn to give a good description—is the person tall or short, dark or light, color of eyes and hair; if he/she is driving, make and model of car and license number.
4. Do not travel in dark and lonely areas.
5. Do not accept job offers or rides or gifts from a stranger. Even if you know the person, do not go with him/her unless you first tell your parents and let the person know that your parents know.
6. Do not take dares to go into lonely places or remote areas.
7. It is no fun to run away from home. There is nothing so terrible that you cannot tell your parents.
8. Do not answer the door when you are home alone or tell people that you will be alone.
9. If someone persists in calling or trying to get in, call the police at once.
10. Do not go up to people from cars who ask directions, step back and tell the occupants you do not know, and walk rapidly away. Adults should not be asking you for directions.
11. If someone touches you in a way that feels bad, yell and tell. It is your body and nobody has a right to make you feel bad—even if it is a relative or friend. TELL and keep telling till somebody believes you.
12. Remember, YOU did nothing wrong.
13. Do not go with strangers even if they are dressed like policemen. Insist on running home first.
14. Do not believe people who promise you a TV career. Tell your parents if somebody does.
15. If your parents don't believe you, tell your teacher or someone you trust.

Cragmont



(Top) Youth Frontier Conference/YFA Week, which was directed by Scott and Janie Sowers; (below) Ministers' Conference participants.



AFC CONFERENCE—The numbers may have been lower but the enthusiasm was high for the 1986 AFC Conference at Cragmont Assembly. With a theme of "Thanksgiving," our 149 campers participated in a variety of activities teaching Christian growth.

Congratulations to Cassie McDonald from Antioch Church and to John Brinn from Sidney Church who were selected "Campers of the Week."

The goal of the week was accomplished when 3 young souls accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will meet on October 1 at Stancil's Chapel Church, Johnston County. The theme of the meeting is "That Mountaintop Experience," with the Scripture coming from Philippians 3:14. The scheduled program is as follows:

9:15—Registration

9:45—Hymn, "Higher Ground"

—Devotion, Alma Dale, Spring Hill Church

—Welcome, Faye Smith, Stancil's Chapel Church

—President's Remarks, Donna Holland, Union Chapel

10:15—Hymn, "Dwelling in Beulah Land"

—That Mountaintop Experience Through Benevolence, Esther Barnes, Little Rock Church

—That Mountaintop Experience Through Missions, Mattie Braswell, Rains Cross Roads Church

—That Mountaintop Experience Through Our Youth, Nancy Boykin, Marsh Swamp Church

11:00—Hymn, "Love Lifted Me"

—Offering and Prayer

—Special Music, Cragmont Choir

—Convention Message, Pluma Sullivan, Stoney Creek Church

12:00—Lunch

1:00—Hymn, "Glory to His

Name"

—Devotion, Marie O'Brian, Stancil's Chapel Church

—Business

—Hymn, "Every Day With Jesus"

—Benediction

(All Auxiliaries are asked to remember to bring towels, wash cloths, pillows, and twin size bed linen for the Children's Home.)

THE FALL CONVENTION OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will convene September 27 with Reedy Branch Church. The theme for the Convention is "Trusting Our Guide" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., and the fee is \$10. (Reedy Branch Church is

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located just off North Carolina 11, behind Pitt Community College, one mile out of Greenville. A turkey luncheon will be served at the cost of \$3.50 per person.

Auxiliaries are reminded to mail in advance all contributions, including the two special offerings for missions and Cragmont, which are normally brought to the Convention. They should be mailed to Margaret May, 306 East Pine Street, Farmville, NC 27828. Mail all reports to Lois Strickland, Route 2, Box 442, Walstonburg, NC 27888.

It should also be noted that the next Conference Study Course will be given by Mattie Link on Tuesday, November 4, at Winterville Church.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will be held at the Fremont Church on Monday night, September 15. A free dinner will be served before the meeting by the host church. All laymen are urged to attend.

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE will meet on Tuesday, September 16, at Friendship Church, near Farmville. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the meeting will follow. All Central Conference laymen are encouraged to attend.

MT. TABOR CHURCH, near Creswell, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 12. A former pastor, the Rev. William Littleton, will bring the message. Lunch will be served at noon on the church lawn. There will be a singspiration in the afternoon.

The Rev. Frank Thigpen, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone to attend these special services.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will meet at Faith Church, Leland (near Wilmington

on Highway 74-76) on Thursday, September 25. Registration is at 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church in the Philippines, and the Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible College, with the Rev. Harold Jones, director of Foreign Missions, will be the guest speakers. The program will also include the presentation of a Life Membership Award and the installation of officers.

The theme is "One Fold, One Shepherd—Free to Serve Together," with theme verses, John 10:16 and Galatians 3:28.

REVIVAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT AYDEN CHURCH, 212 East Third Street, September 22-26, at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Craig Simmons, pastor of First Church, Wilson, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each night and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Ayden Church will observe its annual homecoming day services on Sunday, September 28. There will be special activities during the 11 a.m. worship service and lunch will follow in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. Because of the unique relationship the church had to the old Ayden Seminary and Eureka College, the alumni of these institutions are invited to attend the special activities on September 28.

THE ALBEMARLE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION WILL MEET WITH Union Chapel Church, Plymouth, on Thursday, October 16. The theme of the Convention is "Let Us Worship" (Psalm 95:6).

The scheduled program is as follows—

- 9:45—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "All Hail the Power"
- Devotions, Mrs. Linda Modlin

- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Elaine Britt
- Response, Miss Alice Webster
- President's Greetings, Miss Becky Jo Sumner
- Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- 10:45—Missions News, Home and Foreign
- Retirement Homes Report
- Children's Home Report
- Offering for Children's Home
- Hymn, "O Worship the King"
- 11:25—Special Music, Host Auxiliary
- 11:30—Message, Host Auxiliary
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- Devotions and Memorial Service, Mrs. Faye Davis
- 1:15—Mount Olive College News
- Cragmont News
- Free Will Baptist Press News
- Superannuation News
- 1:50—Youth News, Mrs. Libby Taylor
- Committee Reports
- Announcement of Next Convention
- Miscellaneous Business
- Installation of New Officers
- Reflections, Mrs. Eleanor Moore
- Benediction and Adjournment

PITT COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULED—In Cooperation with the Rev. Bass Mitchell, field secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention, the Pitt County Free Will Baptist Minister's Fellowship has planned a program to assist Pitt County churches improve their Sunday School programs. The

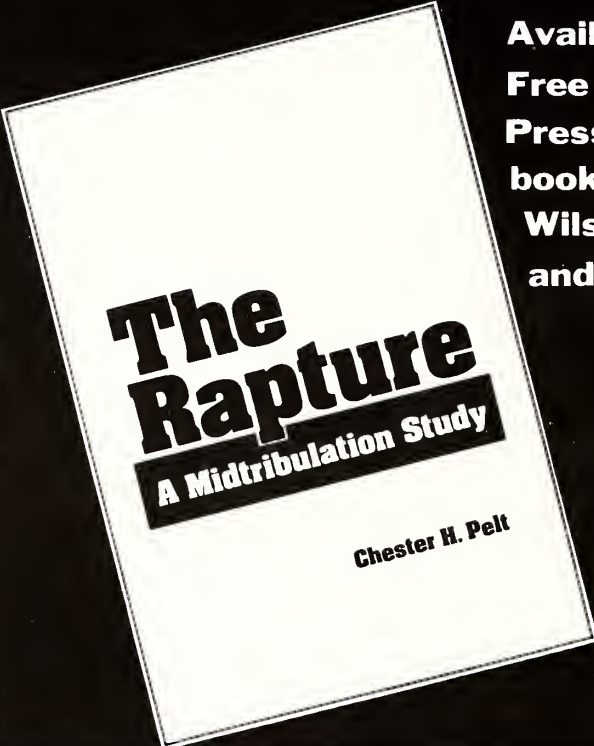
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program is scheduled for September 8-10, and is for pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers. The objective of the study is to address the needs of Sunday Schools and how to determine how they might be improved.

The program format will provide discussion on the following subjects: The Ministry of the Sunday School, A Growing Sunday School, and A Caring Sunday School. Denominational Sunday School leaders will lead the presentations with follow-up discussions which emphasize practical applications.

The program will be held at First Church, Greenville, which is located at 2600 South Charles Street, from 7 to 9 each evening.

Anyone having questions about the program is encouraged to call one of the following members of the Program Committee: J. B. Narron, 746-4388; Ray Williamson, 758-4356; or Bryant Hines, 355-5929.



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THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, September 2,

1986, at 10 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room at the Press. At this time the management will give an up-to-date financial report, along with answering any questions there might be concerning the Institution's work. Three Board members will be elected during the meeting. (They will serve three-year terms.)

PLEASE NOTE

The Rev. William Littleton has a new address. It is as follows: The Rev. William L. Littleton, Route 1, Box 232, Vanceboro, NC 28586. His new telephone number is 244-0648.



FOLKSTONE CHURCH honored its oldest and youngest mothers and fathers during May and June. Shown with the pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker, are Mrs. Bertha Thompson, 92, Mrs. Louise Parker, 22; Mr. Raymond Hartsfield Sr., 91, and Mr. Greg Parker, 24.

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Every-Family Plan: A 25 percent discount given when local churches send the "Baptist" to the home of every member; names and addresses to be provided by churches. Churches are billed quarterly. **Bundle Plan:** Lots of 25 or more "Baptists" are sent to one individual who in turn distributes these. A 50 percent discount is offered under this plan.

Bookstore Hours: Ayden, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Saturday; Wilson, 10 a.m.—6 p.m., Monday—Saturday; New Bern, and Kinston, 9:30 a.m.—5 p.m.; Monday—Saturday.

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WHAT'S WRONG?

It is more fashionable nowadays to ask, "What is wrong with the church?" than ever before. (This has really been a popular query for the last few years, in particular.) There has always been something or other wrong with the professing church; and much is said about its ills. But in the final analysis, the speaker, the individual addressing the issue, receives some feeling of satisfaction and the situation remains pretty much the same.

With this being the case, I would like to venture to cite several characteristics of the New Testament church that are out of style today.

The first characteristic deals with tolerance. The church today is a very tolerant body. So much so, that the term **intolerant** is perceived as being rather scandalous in nature. It seems that many major on being open-minded and as a result have become quite broad in their thinking. (It is rather ironic that many who are "open-minded" have little use for those who differ with their opinions.)

There does exist a false pharasaic intolerance in many places; and this has no place in the true church. But some intolerance is necessary. We need an intolerance that keeps us true to the belief that any way of salvation but Jesus is wrong; general faith in God is not enough—we need faith in Christ. We must be intolerant of anything that threatens the gospel of "no other name"; we must also be intolerant of sin in our midst. Sin cannot be glossed over and excused; we are paying a terrible price because we often merely turn our heads the other way.

We have let the world slap us on the back in coarse familiarity for so long that the church is seen as being only another organization or group meeting. There once was a holy reverence for the church; and people took joining her quite seriously. Today, however, there are many "careless joiners." We even find ourselves calling sin a weakness or disease and sheltering those involved.

The church that stands in the power of the Spirit wins the respect of people. Perhaps we have driven away many by trying to attract them with our various "gimmicks." We are not "running a showboat but a lifeboat" and we look pretty ridiculous trying to compete with the world. May we recover the power of God among us until a holy awe shall once more rest upon us.

The Early Church was also a church where something was always going on. On the Day of Pentecost the multitude gathered "amazed, confounded, and perplexed." I cannot help but believe that we are still living on the momentum of the Early Church and on fresh waves of momentum started since by others who were sensational. Now days, anything out of the ordinary, anything likely to disturb the saints at ease, is frowned upon. (The reaction brought about by this has nearly been as bad as that which it sought to correct.)

Someone has suggested that those who do not like sensational preaching do not like it because they can not do it. Our complacency has brought about such a sad state of affairs that whatever we do to correct it now will appear revolutionary, for we should arouse, excite and stir.

The days are darker now than they have ever been. As a result, we should appear in more contrast. But it seems that civilization has been infected with a mild rash of Christianity, one that has almost immunized us against the whole thing. As disciples of the "Great Happy Medium," we commit ourselves to nothing . . . we are like salt which has lost its savor.

The awakening we need will be as remarkable as Rip Van Winkle's. For many, it would be similar to a modern-day account of Lazarus' resurrection—only more dramatic for they have been dead longer than three days!

As we gather for this year's Convention, may we seek God's face—not just talk among ourselves. None of us has all the answers; and those who think they do must realize this.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We rejoice that the Grubbs family support level has been reached. Your gifts are still needed to underwrite the costs of our other missionary families and for expansion of ministries in the Philippines, India and Mexico.

Please earmark your State Convention Missions Rally offering for the **General Fund** to underwrite these other ministries.

Board of Foreign Missions

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CONVENTION REFLECTIONS

by De W. Eakes

The Seventy-fourth Annual Session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists meeting in College Hall at Mount Olive College was a great Convention! The Convention theme for 1986, "Preparing to Serve," was developed throughout the Convention in a positive way. The entire Convention sounded a positive and upbeat note of unity in purpose and in spirit. I interpret this spirit as a harbinger of greater progress and unity in the ministries of our State Convention, our conferences or associations, and in the local churches of our Convention.

The positive mood was set by the Tuesday evening Evangelism Rally sponsored by the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism. The Rev. Earl Glenn delivered a typically inspiring, challenging and evangelistic message to the two hundred persons filling Rodgers Chapel for the service.

The convening of the Convention on Wednesday and Thursday saw over five hundred and twenty-five ministers, delegates and visitors registering for the Convention. This attendance figure is very good but this is one area in which we definitely have much room for improvement.

One hundred eighty-three ministers registered and attended the Convention. Two hundred and seven ministers did not register and attend. Less than fifty percent of our ordained clergy did not attend. I feel we need great improvement here! Using a conservative figure of 35,000 Free Will Baptists who are members of our State Convention churches, our churches sent two hundred sixty out of a possible three hundred and fifty delegates (one delegate per one hundred members or fraction thereof). That computes to a seventy-four and one half percent representation by the churches. The more input we have from our ministers and delegates the more democratic our Convention will become. Each person's vote counts the same! We urge all ordained ministers and proper delegates to attend each session of the State Convention. It is important!

The Convention message on Wednesday was preached by the Rev. Steve Sprinkle, an ordained Disciples of Christ minister who is a teacher in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, NC. Using Philippians 2:1-11, the preacher

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challenged the Convention to "let the mind of Christ," as exemplified in this passage, be the governing power and desire of our lives. He stressed the need for preparation to the ministry to which God calls each of us as ministers, both clergy and laity.

The message on Wednesday evening by the Rev. Roger Malinao was very challenging. Sharing from his own rich spiritual experiences the speaker, president of the Palawan Bible College of the Philippine Original Free Will Baptist Convention, challenged the eleven hundred plus congregation on the basis of God's call to be His witnesses, the conviction of the Holy Spirit for missions and the depth of our commitment to Christ, to fulfill the task to which we as His Church are called! (The total missions offering for Home/Foreign Missions was in excess of \$34,000!)

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain to the College, brought an equally challenging and inspiring message using Mark 10:35-45 as his text. Mr. Harrison stressed the servant role that Jesus chose to fulfill as the Messiah building on the prophecy of Isaiah. He commended that role of "servanthood" as modeled by Jesus to be our example as the only authentically New Testament model for modern Christian discipleship. Every speaker did an excellent job in his assigned task in the worship of the Convention.

Each committee appointed by the Convention President did a very good job of attending its assigned tasks. Our Credentials Committee did an excellent job of trying to iron out the unforeseen complications of a new registration system. All the displays were prepared in good taste and were informative to our people. There were many positive comments on the quality of the displays. State Convention time is the ideal time to meet and talk with all the leaders of our various denominational ministries.

Our Hymnal Committee brought a report recommending to our churches a new hymnal hot off the presses. The hymnal, entitled *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*, is published by Word Publishers, Inc. The hymnal is available through our Free Will Baptist Press bookstores, by special order, for a price of \$7.95 each. There are also pulpit editions and loose-leaf editions for accompanists and choir directors available. The Convention adopted the report of the Hymnal Committee.

The Name Change Committee recommended that we retain our present name as a Convention. It also recommended that the State Convention Executive Committee work more aggressively to further develop fraternal relations with other bodies of like faith and practice. The Convention adopted the Committee's report.

Two constitutional changes were adopted by the Convention. The title of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was changed to the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism. This does not imply that only this Board is charged with evangelism. Each church, conference or association, and denominational ministry is charged with evangelism in fulfilling the "Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20). A second constitutional change involves the creation of a Board of Denominational Publications. This Board is charged with "creating, editing, publishing, and distribution of denominational publications that deal with church leadership, history, beliefs, and any other topics pertaining to the development of denominational life." This does not, in any way, alter or supersede any already existing board or organization which may print, edit or publish materials that they have been accustomed to doing.

The Convention discussed and considered some alternative suggestions to the schedule of registration fees adopted by the Convention last year but voted to retain the same fees as approved last year. The Convention also reaffirmed the current recommendation that each church be requested to contribute one dollar per member in addition to the five dollars per delegate and the ten dollars per minister.

"Preparing to Serve!" That is a worthy theme for our Convention! My prayer is that it will also exemplify the commitment of our Convention and all of its member conferences/associations, churches and individual members to excellence in ministry! The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists in its seventy-fourth Annual Session was a great Convention! May our Convention, its various ministries, its member conferences/associations, each local church and individual member, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour" and be blessed by the "unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Thereby shall the Body of Christ be edified and Jesus Christ our Lord be magnified and glorified!"

The Rev. De Eakes was elected to serve as Convention President during the 1986 annual session. Mr. Eakes pastors Little Rock Church, Lucama.





THE CONVENTION REPORTS IN BRIEF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon due consideration the Convention decided to discontinue the practice of mailing out Convention Report Books. Mailing costs alone were \$844.64 this year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The World Missions Conference for 1987 will be held on February 27 in College Hall. Dr. Robertson McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

Prayer was requested for the following items:

1. For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our plans and activities.
2. For open doors and hearts to receive the gospel, that thousands of people will be won to the Lord.
3. For good health for our missionaries and workers in Mexico, India and the Philippines.
4. For the spiritual growth of everyone associated with the Board of Foreign Missions.
5. For the Grubbs Family as they travel and adjust to their ministry in the Philippines (departure date, September 30).
6. For more laborers to go into the harvest.
7. For the financial needs of the Board of Foreign Missions. God is willing and able to meet these needs.
8. For faithful prayer partners. The strength of our work is directly related to the strength of our prayers.



The Convention adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the Convention approve a budget of \$300,977.05 for the year 1986-87.
2. That the Convention encourage every member to faithfully pray for world missions.
3. That the months of December and March continue to be designated as "Foreign Missions Months" on our State Convention calendar.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College has launched the 1986-87 year with a "quest for the best" in Christian higher education. In a time when many colleges are retrenching, our Board of Trustees, administration and faculty have honored the request of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists to make Mount Olive a four-year college.

A total of 6,130 gift receipts were written by the College during the fiscal year which ended June 30. Voluntary gifts and bequests for all purposes set a new record of \$1,503,369. Included in this amount are approximately 330 acres of land valued at \$242,000.

The following specific recommendations were adopted by the Convention:

1. That this report including its goals and plans be approved.
2. That the Convention continue to designate February and July as "Christian Education Months for Mount Olive Col-



lege" and recommend that our churches and Sunday Schools observe Fifth Sundays as "Mount Olive College Scholarship Day."

3. That this Convention pledge its prayers and support for the work of Mount Olive College.

CHILDREN'S HOME

The following 1985-86 highlights were noted:

This past year we served 65 children in residential care. We completely replaced the old furniture in Deans Cottage. The inside of the Recreation Center was remodeled. Our Friends of Children program continues to receive new participants. We developed a more comprehensive training program for staff members. We had one resident to graduate from high school.

The following were adopted by the Convention.

1. That the Convention continue to designate May and November as Children's Home Months, and recommend that our churches observe Children's Home Days on November 16, 1986, and May 17, 1987.
2. That the Convention support our 1986-87 budget.

RETIREMENT HOMES

This year the Board has provided care for six Free Will Baptist families. We are happy that they have chosen our program of retirement. We are trying to provide for each of them the best kind

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of care. Our door is open to you if you wish to come into our care. No worthy Free Will Baptist or employee of our church or institution for ten years or more will be denied our services without a just reason. At the time of this writing, we have a Free Will Baptist family who is applying for residency in our care. Your continued prayer and gift support will assure us that we will be able to receive them into our retirement program.

The Convention adopted the following:

1. That this Convention designate January of 1987 as Retirement Homes Month, and January 25 as Retirement Homes Day in the churches of this Convention.
2. That the Convention approve our budget included in our report.
3. That our churches use our promotional material provided at no cost to the church during January, 1987, especially on January 25.

HOME MISSIONS

The Board of Home Missions announced the establishment of the Wilson Church for the Deaf. This congregation, led by the Rev. and Mrs. Dale Albertson, are now meeting in the Lighthouse Building given to them by First Church, Wilson. The Wilson Church also gave this special ministry a bus. The Rev. Craig Simmons pastors First Church, Wilson.

It was also related that the Rev. Howard Starling would be assum-



ing the pastorate of the Charlotte Mission, soon to be reopened.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That our Convention go on record as asking every minister and layperson to participate in *The Night of Prayer for Missions* to be held in January of 1987, the place, time, and day to be announced.
2. That our Convention continue to designate the months of April and September as "*Home Missions Months*" on our promotional calendar.
3. That our Convention approve a budget of \$175,000 for the 1986-87 church year.

THE MINISTERS' PROGRAM

The Ministers' Program Board asked that October be designated as the Ministers' Program Month. Also, that the second Sunday in February be designated as Former Pastors Sunday and the third Sunday in June as Ministers' Program Sunday.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

The Church Finance Association announced that the Association's membership had increased by 65. While deposits decreased by \$41,211, new loans were made in the amount of \$119,306.

FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

This past year has been a very successful one for "the Press."

At present we are selling approximately 70,000 Sunday School



quarterlies each quarter. In addition, we serve in excess of 30,000 people through our Bible and Bookstores. If our calculations are near correct, over 100,000 people are witnessed to through the efforts of the employees of the Free Will Baptist Press each year. Our outreach is not merely in eastern North Carolina, but we send literature across the entire United States.

Cragmont

This year Cragmont is requesting \$100,000 from Free Will Baptist churches. Last year, there were about 150 of our churches who did not contribute to this important ministry. We are asking these churches to contribute at least \$100 this year, which would mean \$15,000 in revenue that we did not receive in 1985. We believe that these churches who did not contribute last year can make a \$100 contribution.

For 1986, we have set a new goal for gaining new Cragmont Club members. That goal is 100 new members. The Cragmont Club has been responsible for approximately \$55,000 in revenue and has seemed to level at around \$18,000 per year.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

During the past year, our denomination has lost through death lay people who occupied positions of leadership in the local church. They were faithful

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witnesses and their presence will be missed. In addition to the aforementioned laymen, one minister passed away, the Rev. William Dale.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Conference	Ministers	Delegates
Albemarle	10	18
Cape Fear	22	36
Central	37	63
Eastern	53	63
Piedmont	5	5
Western	49	61
Pee Dee	7	14
Total	183	260

Total Registering as Members of the Convention 4

Total Visitors: 81

207 ministers failed to register at this Convention.

Total Registered Attendance 528

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Officers

President, De Wayne Eakes ('88).

Vice President, Scott Sowers ('88).

Recording Secretary, G. C. Bryan ('88).

Assistant Recording Secretary, Justin Kornegay ('88).

Boards and Committees

Children's Home, Leon Grubbs ('90), Rebecca Davenport ('90), Mickey Newton ('90).

Foreign Missions, Gary Bailey ('91).

Home Missions, Dan Rivers ('93).

Commission on FWB Fellowships, Harry Grubbs ('89).

Mount Olive College, Nathan Garner (Honorary Member), Edna Scarborough ('92), Reginald Styron ('92), Darrell Horne ('92), Marvin Edwards Jr. ('92), Eugene Sumner ('92), Lloyd Jones ('87) filling unexpired term of Clayton Everette.

Retirement Homes Board, Harry Jones ('91), J. C. Yates ('91).

Historical Commission, Leah McGlohon ('88).

Scouting Commission, Jack Everette ('89), R. P. Harris ('89).

Chaplains Commission, Joe Ingram ('91).

Cragmont Assembly Stock Representatives, Rick Watson ('89).

Board of Trustees, Lloyd Jones ('89).

Church Finance Association Representatives, Norman Ard ('87).

Free Will Baptist Press, David Hill ('87).

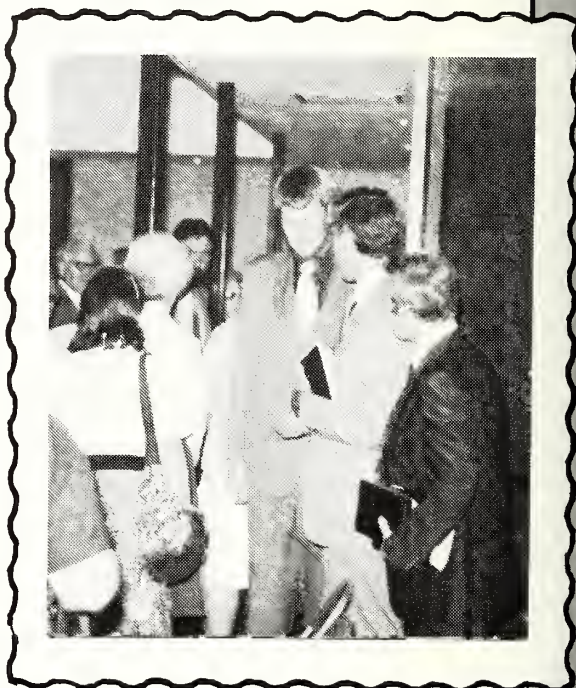
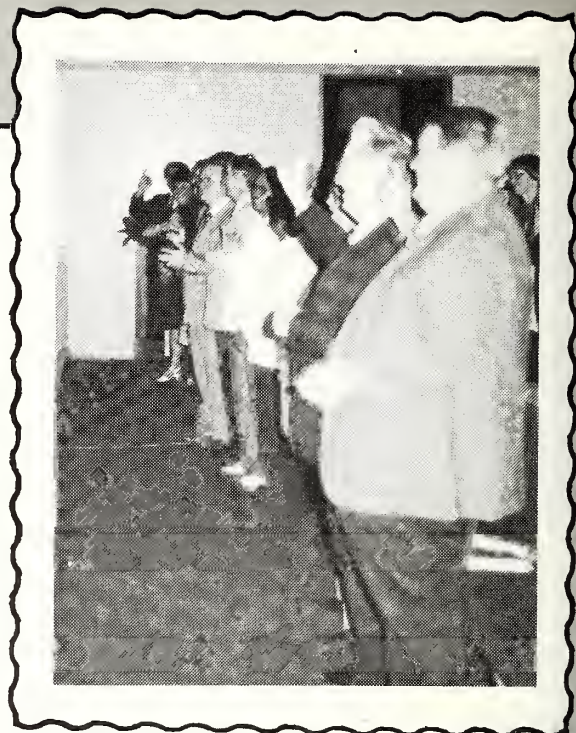
Layman's League Board, Floyd Newsome ('89), Roney Bunn Jr. ('89), Dallas Foreman ('89).

Publications, C. H. Overman ('87), Earl Glenn ('88), Nina Grace Register ('89), Happy Taylor ('90), N. D. Beamon ('91).

Ministers' Program, Earl Glenn, A. B. Bryan filling unexpired term of Bill Dale.

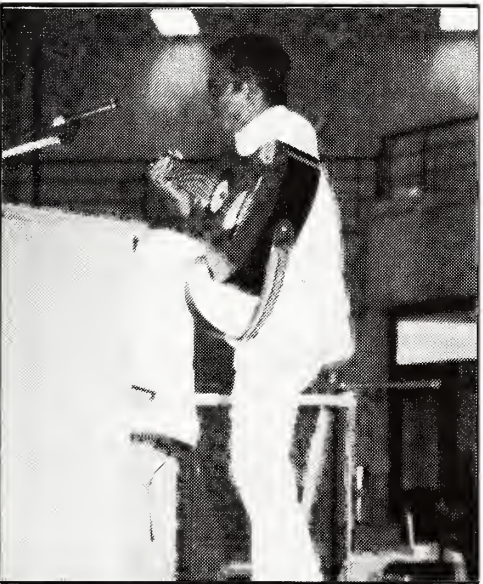
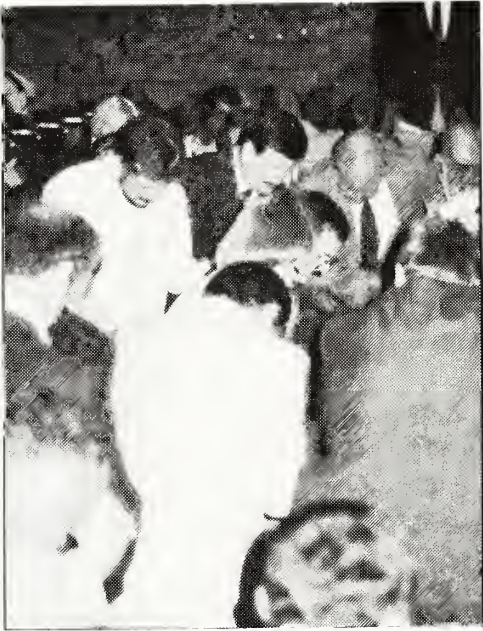


The Executive Committee: (seated) Mr. G. C. Bryan, the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood; (standing) the Revs. J. B. Narron, Scott Sowers, De Wayne Eakes, and Mrs. Dola Dudley; (not pictured) Mr. Justin Kornegay.



(Top left) Stephen Walston, of Grifton, told the congregation what the Deaf Camp has meant to him; (top right) the congregation tried its "hands" at signing; (bottom left) the Rev. Earl Glenn tries to follow the song leader; (bottom right) part of the congregation.

SCENES FROM THE NIGHT OF EVANGELISM SERVICE



SCENES FROM THE 1986 MISSIONS RALLY

(Top left) The laying on of hands and prayer of commissioning for Paul and Teresa Grubbs; (top right) a proud mother watches, while her grandson sits with her; (bottom left) the Rev. Roger Malinao; (bottom right) Paul and Teresa Grubbs.



“I KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT—”

by Randy L. Jenkins

Have you ever heard someone say, “I know what needs to be done but I can’t do it by myself”? There may be some truth to that but did you ever consider that every project, deed of compassion, or work of ministry, started with the idea of one person? Let us tell you of one such project.

In the first part of July, the local and national news began to tell us of the desperate need of people in

the southeast part of the United States and that the state of Illinois was going to start a “hay lift” to those areas if people would be willing to donate the hay.

One day during lunch at the local restaurant, two men of the Mount Pleasant Church of God began to discuss these hay lifts and one of them said, “You know I have the hay to donate, but I’d sure like to see that hay reach other church farmers who have a

need for it, rather than sending it off, not knowing where it might end up.”

As a result of that they contacted the pastor, who began making phone calls to try and find church people in need, as they began making contacts for the semi-trucks that would be needed and the drivers to go with them. When the people of the church began to understand the project,

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some of them began to donate more hay, cash for expenses, and a willingness to help in any way they could. But the most important question still went without an answer, "Where will we take the hay?"

That question was still unanswered as a number of the people from the church left for Findlay, Ohio, for our annual Summer Seminar, but when we reached Ohio, the announcement was made that we have the hay if you can help us find the people who need it. From that point the Lord really began to work fast. Within two days, Dr. Richard Wilkin, the administrator for the Churches of God, General Conference, had located a church in North Carolina. This church was the Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, of Clayton, North Carolina. God had directed us to Johnston County, the hardest hit county in North Carolina, to church people with a need.

Before we ever left Summer Seminar, people began to donate money to help buy fuel or hay. When we arrived back in Illinois it was set: one man had donated a truck, and another company, a trailer. It was set: We would leave Monday morning for North Carolina, but then we found out that we had pushed ahead of God's timing. We received a call—the donated truck had been called to take a load for its own company. Sunday night and Monday more calls were made; we had the hay, money for the fuel, a trailer to haul it in, but nothing to pull it with. There were a few suggestions made: (1) Put the pastor and a couple of elders under the front and carry a big whip. (2) mount a pulpit to the front of the trailer and let the pastor talk it into going to North Carolina. Neither were considered for very long.

So the idea came of renting a truck to pull it and raise the money to pay for it. We made a few calls and found out that renting was going to be very ex-

pensive, but the idea was of the Lord because in talking with one man who leased trucks he said, "I've been watching that on T.V. and I was wondering how I could help. I'll just furnish you a truck and a trailer as a donation." Now we had two trailers; could we take two semi loads of hay? We've got the hay, but can we afford to buy the hay for another truck? And if we could, we would need another truck.

Tuesday morning came with all those questions in our minds, but then God began to give us the answers. On Tuesday, the company who had offered the very first trailer called and said, "We have decided to send a truck, and driver for that trailer." We said, "You mean all we have to do is pay for the fuel?" And they said, "Oh, no, we'll pay for the fuel too." We were beginning to say, "What in the world is going on?," when we remembered—it wasn't of this world.

That was reinforced when we received a phone call from a man in Iowa who told us that he was going to sell some of his hay on the market and send us a check for \$300 to help buy hay. Since that time we had received \$150 from Pennsylvania, people from the community who weren't even from the church had given money, other church farmers had given \$65 as a donation for a ton of hay, people in the community allowed their drivers to miss work in order to go and drive trucks.

So, on August 15, about 8 a.m., men began to gather at the barn of Don Bilyeu, the one who had the idea from the beginning, to load over 900 bales of good alfalfa hay. Twelve men, some from the church, some from other churches, some from the community, spent the morning loading hay, followed by being hosed down at the water faucet, to make us presentable enough to sit around the table at the Bilyeu home for a fine meal.

Then at 2 a.m., Saturday, August 16, seven men, two semi-

trucks, and a car left Assumption, Illinois, headed for Clayton, North Carolina. We must admit that we began to wonder about this trip when it rained for the first four hours almost non-stop and for another four hours off and on; but then it happened the sun came out and it was beautiful as we entered the Smokey Mountains. The rain hadn't dampened the spirits of those who were driving, even though they had put in a full eight-hour day and it wasn't noon yet.

I have no doubt that those seven men, Don Bilyeu, Ed Horton, Paul Throneburg, Pastor Randy Jenkins, Charlie Beck, Lynn Markwell, and Don Miller, were remembered by those waitresses who wondered why we were so happy or by a pastor who at times wondered which way they were going next. It was great to feel the joy of helping someone in need, whom we hadn't even met yet.

The day went on mile after mile and we decided to stop for our supper meal and call those at our destination to let them know that we were right on time. The only problem of the day came at that point, and that was when we tried to put two semi-trucks in a parking lot where they wouldn't fit. We found a place to eat finally where they would fit. We ate, and made a call to the Rev. Don Venable, the pastor of Powhatan Church, to let him know when we would arrive.

We traveled some three more hours; and at midnight, we pulled into the church parking lot, where we saw pickup after pickup, trucks, trailers and some 15 or 20 men waiting for our arrival. It didn't take long for us to feel the love of God from these fine people. The trucks were backed under a pole light and they began to unload. Those of us who had been on the road for some twenty-two hours were told to go to the parsonage, that a meal had been prepared for us. They should have said a feast. We had all kinds of meats, salads, cakes, and pies, even homemade rolls.

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Later as we rolled out of the parsonage, we got our heads together to decide what time we would leave for home. It was decided that we would stay for church. At that point Pastor Don said to Pastor Randy, "That means you'll preach for us in the morning, then?" It was agreed and we left for the beds that had been provided for us at the homes of Pastor Venable and Bob and Shirley Hatcher. It was now twenty-four hours since we left the state of Illinois, and it didn't take long to think of sleep, but it was a joy to listen to those unloading. It was 4 a.m. when the last of the hay came off the trucks, but one of the men said later, "The feeling of love that was generated through the work made it less tiring."

We woke up to the smell of breakfast that we really didn't need; but was it ever good! The people began to come for church, some of them not knowing why these two big trucks were in the parking lot.

We soon found that the people of this church were very much like us; the only difference was that they talked funny. No, they weren't strange; it was just very clear that the local language varied from ours somewhat. Their services were very much like our own, which made us feel very much at home. The Lord's presence was very clear to all of us. As we began to worship together, the tears came very easy, not only from us but from everyone. Don Bilyeu was coaxed into singing a special song. Even though he wore tennis shoes, blue jeans, and a torn shirt, it was good.

After the service, the fellowship, thankfulness, and love filled our hearts. As one of the families left, they invited us to share in their fortieth wedding anniversary dinner, and you know we really needed to eat, so we did. One of the dishes that struck the taste buds of the Pastor and Donnie was French Vanilla Torte. It

surely was fattening; but boy was it good! We couldn't talk the cook into coming back to Illinois, but we did get the recipe.

We had as many pictures taken as the cameras could stand; and with hugs and tears we were on the road, looking at the same 900 miles that had taken us to a place that we would not soon forget.

Our first stop would be Mooresville, North Carolina, where we had made arrangements to pick up a baptistry for the First General Baptist Church of Advance, Missouri. Not only did they get a new baptistry for the work of the Lord, but what they paid for freight to get it to them, bought more hay for people in need.

We drove into the night once again, back across Black Mountain, through the tunnels, and it didn't take much to talk the group into stopping for the night. It was shortly after midnight when we stopped in Knoxville for six hours of much needed sleep. It didn't seem as if we had even been asleep when the voice was heard," "Let's get on the road." Willie Nelson must have been around somewhere singing "On the Road Again."

The miles seemed to get longer as we went, but when we crossed over the scales at a Kentucky weigh station we were picked for a maintenance check. You guessed it—the truck didn't pass, which was news to us because it had worked great for over 1,200 miles. The man, with the deep voice that sounded like a 20-year drill sergeant in the army, said, "Bring your papers and follow me to the office."

We found that the two front brakes weren't working and the registration for the truck we were

driving was in Illinois somewhere. The officer wrote and wrote, and all of us began to get a little nervous, but when he finished, he said, "You get those two brakes to work and you can go." Once again the Lord reached out with His power to show us what needed to be done to repair the truck. With God's help, Ed Horton's knowledge of trucks, two fittings at the cost of \$2.50 each, we were back on the road within an hour. We should mention that those two fittings just happened to be in a truck of a gentleman who was on the site repairing someone else's brakes.

Some sixty-six hours later, with the help of the Lord, we returned to Assumption. We were tired, but we were filled with the blessings of God for helping someone outside our circle of love, people whom we hadn't known before. The people of North Carolina will add to their prayer list the names of seven men and the Mount Pleasant Church of God congregation, just as we will them.

God has been at work again. Even while this article was being written, in the mail was \$365 from the Maple Grove Church of God, Sutherland, Iowa; \$300 of which was mentioned before. But the \$65 is over and above what we thought was coming. Also in the mail was a \$100 check from a Sunday School Class in Findley, Ohio. We didn't even mention the offering that the North Carolina people took after their regular Sunday morning offering, which came to \$200.

God has blessed in so many ways that I'm sure we have probably missed some one. We would like to thank everyone who had any part in making it possible for the first two loads.

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Thank you, Lord, for the idea of one man, who with your help made this a project of many across the nation. Help us to meet the need of people.



(Top) The Revs. Joe Griffith, Adrian Grubbs, and Mr. R. Clifford Gray Jr. (Bottom) Those in attendance fellowship after the annual session.



PRESS MEMBERSHIP GATHERS

The annual membership meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. was held on September 2. The Rev. Eddie Edwards opened the meeting with prayer, and the welcome and reading of the minutes of the last meeting followed.

When giving the President's Report, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, told of recent renovations made in the New Bern Bookstore. He continued by relating that thirty-one memberships had been purchased since the last annual session and expressed concern over the fact that insurance costs on the Press building now exceed \$12,000. He concluded his remarks by explaining that ads would be placed in *The Free Will Baptist* in an attempt to provide a quality publication at a reasonable price.

Mr. R. Clifford Gray Jr., executive director, presented the financial statement and encouraged everyone to browse around before leaving the facility.

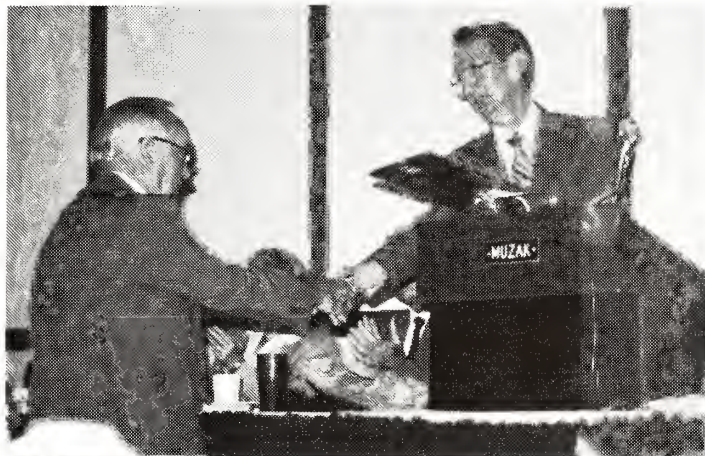
The election of Directors followed. Those elected are as follows: The Rev. Adrian Grubbs, Eastern Conference; Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Central Conference; and Mrs. Lynette Summerlin, Cape Fear Conference. They will serve three-year terms.

PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS HOLD ANNUAL EVENT

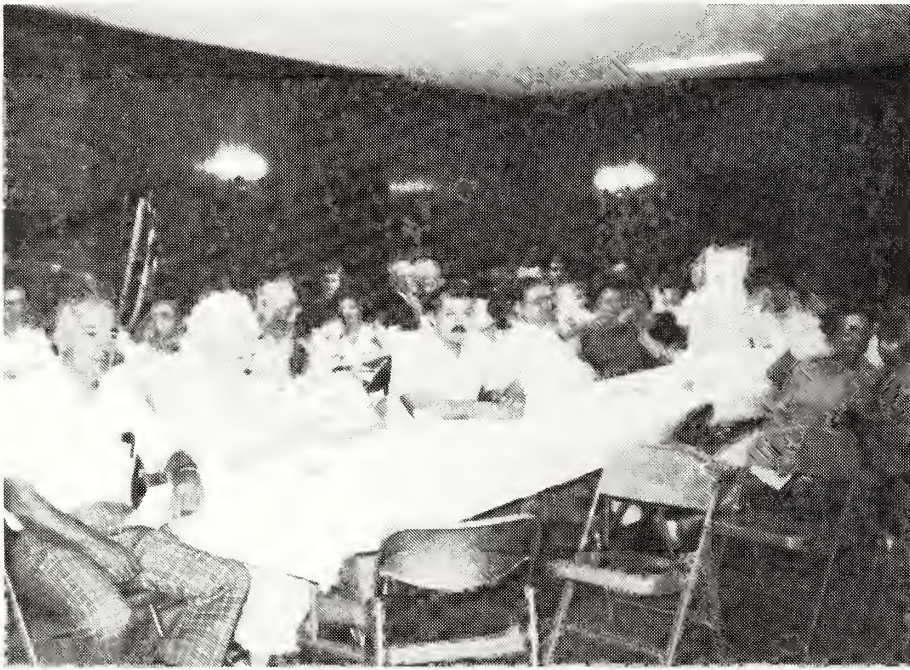
Eighty-eight individuals gathered for the annual Pastors' and Superintendents' Banquet on September 5. The Banquet is sponsored by the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention.

The Rev. Bass Mitchell, Sunday School Convention Field Secretary, called attention to the fact that one of the major problems Sunday Schools face is a lack of commitment on the part of those in leadership positions. Many are not willing to give whatever it takes to make sure the job is done. While many Sunday Schools are declining, there are, however, signs of encouragement; these signs point out a growing awareness of the situation and a mounting concern. Mr. Mitchell pointed out that it is time that we stop saying we want to improve our Schools and do what it takes. With all the sincerity one can muster, he encouraged those not willing to do the job to step aside and let someone who is willing lead.

Dr. Jesse McDaniels, president of Lenoir Community College, was the keynote speaker. In his address, he pointed out that workers may "refuse to face up to their duties, they may refuse to take the challenge." Doing so causes attendance to drop off further. He concluded his address by relating that we "can be a blessing to others and if we are, they will be a blessing to us as well."



(Top) The Rev. C. H. Overman presents Mr. Stanley Jenkins a plaque in recognition of Service he rendered to the Sunday School Convention. (Bottom) Young Jennifer Sutton attended the banquet with her grandfather, the Rev. Walter Sutton.



Some of the members of the St. Paul's Church congregation.



Janet Warren and Tony Sutton, two active workers in the St. Paul's Church Sunday School program.

A VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S

On Wednesday night, August 20, I had the privilege of attending the monthly fellowship supper at St. Paul's Church, near Newton Grove. After a delicious meal, I spoke on the programs offered by our Sunday School Convention. This was followed by a question and answer period.

I was impressed by their genuine concern to see their Sunday School improve and grow. Also, they were aware of the potential for their Sunday School and they want to make full use of it for the glory of the Lord.

We are in the process of planning a follow-up meeting. This will enable us to explore specific ways they can build on their strengths and improve the weaknesses in their Sunday School.

The Rev. Felton Godwin is pastor of the church. George Warren is the Sunday School Superintendent.

If you would like to schedule such a meeting with me, write or call: Bass Mitchell, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530; 734-8378.

DEADLINE DRAWS NIGH

It's December the 1st! You must submit your nominees for Teacher of the Year on or before that date.

For all the information and materials you need, call the Field Secretary. He will be glad to send it to you.

COURSES IN SMITHFIELD

Two training courses for Sunday School teachers and all persons interested in the Sunday School will be offered in October and November at First Church in Smithfield. It's located at 529 South Third Street (corner of Rose and Third Streets).

The courses are not just for the workers in Smithfield Church. They are for all Free Will Baptist Sunday School workers in that general area. You all are invited to participate.

Most people will agree that they want their Sunday School to be better. Most teachers agree that they would like to be better teachers. But saying this and actually doing something about it is another thing! These courses give you the opportunity to improve your Sunday School and your teaching. If you are really serious about improving your Sunday School, then you will take advantage of such opportunities.

"The Art of Christian Teaching" will be taught by the Field Secretary on October 13-16. There will be four sessions from 7 to 9:15 each evening. The course examines basic teaching methods and activities.

"How to Understand the Bible" will be offered on November 17-20. It will be taught by the Rev.

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Donald Coates, pastor of Pine Level Church and president of the Sunday School Convention. It too will be from 7 to 9:15. This course is a basic introduction to the Bible and how best to study it.

For more information, call the Rev. Alan Lamm (934-8700).

BROCHURE AVAILABLE

It's hot off the press! It will give you all the information you need on the programs and services offered by your Sunday School Convention. For copies, write or call the Field Secretary.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

What? The next meeting of your Sunday School Convention. It will be March 7, 1987.

Black Jack Church has graciously agreed to host the Convention. The Rev. Dan Rivers is pastor.

The theme will be "Sunday School Growth: Evangelism Through the Sunday School." Workshops elaborating on the theme have been planned, along with special workshops on how to use audio visuals, and the spiritual life of the Sunday School teacher.

Keep your eye on *The Free Will Baptist* for more details. For now, put it on your calendar! This will be one of the most important meetings you can attend in 1987!

IT'S APPRECIATED

The Sunday School Convention offers our Sunday Schools many programs: workshops, seminars, training courses, books, the services of the Field Secretary, and other services. We want to do even more. But these things require financial support. We look entirely to you, our churches, for this support.

We are thankful and appreciative for the many churches that regularly support us. Your support enables us to serve all of our churches. However, about two-thirds of our churches do not support us. If your church is one

of them, we would like for you to seriously consider changing that!

We have asked all our churches to set aside twenty-five dollars a quarter for the Sunday School Convention. This is in addition to what they were giving. So this means that if your church has not been giving to the Sunday School Convention, all we are asking is a hundred dollars a year.

If you think your Sunday School is important to your church and that you need the kind of assistance the Sunday School Convention can provide, then help us continue and even expand our programs through your generous support. It will be appreciated and used wisely.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Does your Sunday School have one? If you do, how effective is it? Do the Council members know their responsibilities and are they able to carry them out?

A trained and active Sunday School Council or Cabinet is absolutely essential for a successful Sunday School. I do not know of a single Sunday School that's really growing without one!

Most of our Sunday Schools do not have a Council. Some have become inactive. Others are not really sure why they have one or what they are supposed to do.

We can help. We will assist you in establishing or improving your Council. The Field Secretary will be glad to meet with your pastor and Sunday School officers for the purpose of getting one started and functioning effectively. This is just one of the many ways we can be of service to your Sunday School.

IDEAS

Teacher and Class of the Month

We really cannot do enough to promote and to thank our teachers. One of the best ways is to have a teacher and class of the month program.

Put up a bulletin board in your church where most of your people

will see it. Designate it as your teacher and class of the month bulletin board. Take pictures of the teacher and the class being recognized. Put the pictures on the board. Also, put up a list of all the members of the class.

You could let various members of the class share what it means to them or have someone give a history of the class. You could do this in your assembly. You'll find this very meaningful.

A Message Center

How can you get information and materials to your teachers and officers when you really need to? You could mail it. But that's expensive. Why not make or purchase a message center?

A message center is simply an open cabinet with a slot for each Sunday School worker. Each person has a slot with his or her name on it. It's placed in a place that's easily accessible to the teachers.

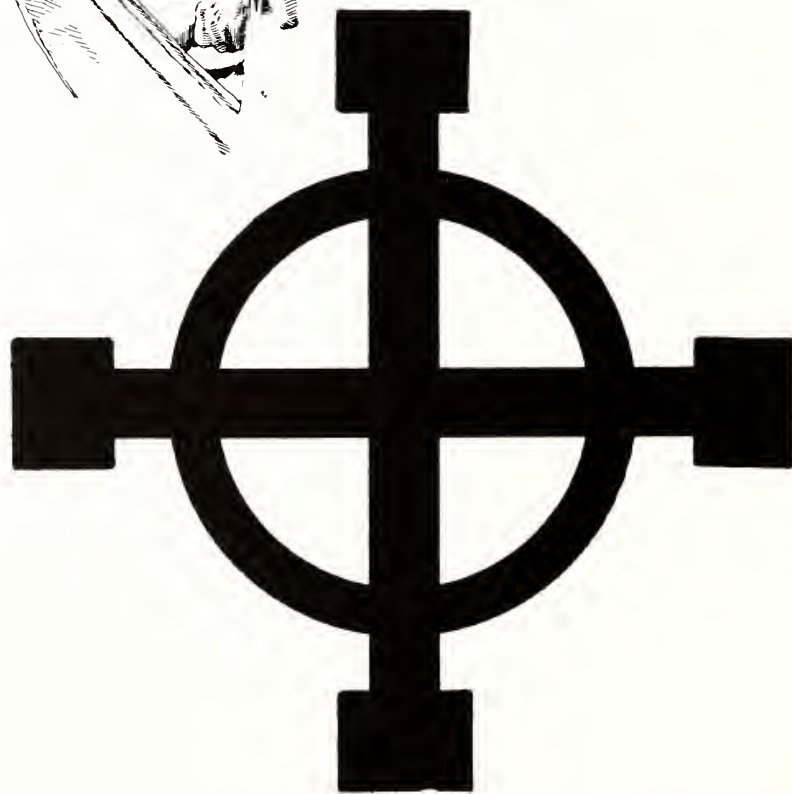
These can be purchased from an office supply company for about a hundred dollars, or you can make your own. You'll find it well worth the investment.

Paul and Timothy Relationships

One-on-one training is one of the best ways to train and prepare prospective teachers. And it's a method of training almost every Sunday School can easily use.

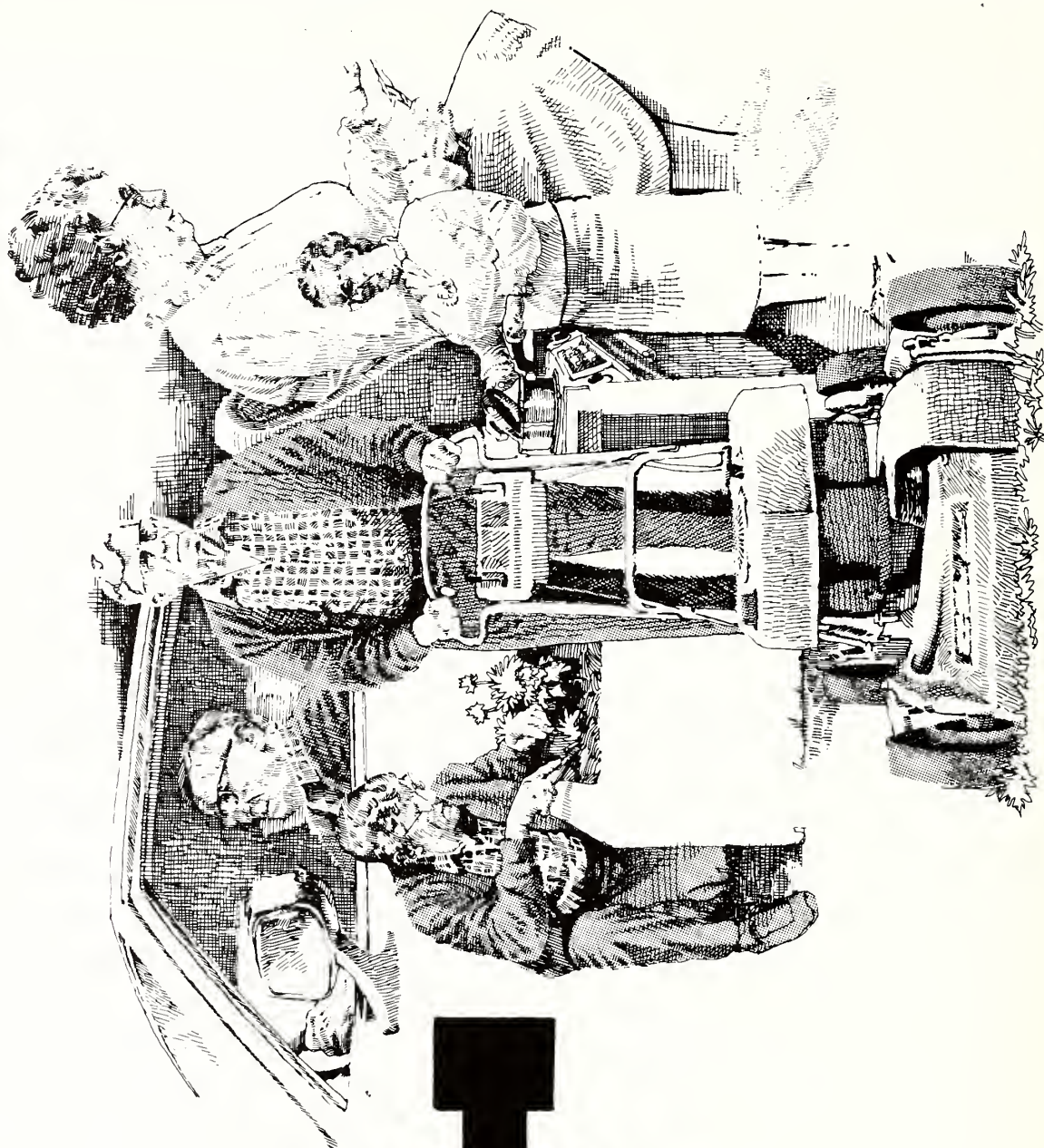
I like to refer to it as the "Paul and Timothy relationship." You may recall that Paul was the older and more experienced pastor. He took Timothy, the young and inexperienced pastor, under his wing and trained him.

Do you have some prospective teachers? Why not put these young Timothys with the Pauls in your Sunday School, that is, those teachers with proven gifts and years of experience? After working with them for a year, these young teachers will gain a great deal of practical knowledge and experience. They will be well on their way to becoming effective teachers.



Board of Superannuation

**P.O. Box 2313
Kinston, NC 28501**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Matthew 1-4	2 Matthew 5-6	3 Matthew 7-9	4 Matthew 10-11
5 Matthew 12	6 Matthew 13-14	7 Matthew 15-17	8 Matthew 18-20	9 Matthew 21-22	10 Matthew 23-24	11 Matthew 25-26
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October is Superannuation Month.

ANSWERED PRAYER

by Fred Baker



One of the greatest needs in our quest for accreditation with the Philippine Association of Bible and Theological Schools is our library. To make the prayer request simple we need 5,000 books and a person to help us with classification. This prayer request had been before the Lord for over a year, then God began to answer. First, was a letter from Dr. Raper of Mount Olive College offering some books of which they had two copies. Praise the Lord, part of the book need is on the way to the Philippines. Next, God moved upon the heart of Miss Esther Dreo, librarian at Bethel Bible College in Manila, to come to Palawan and spend 17 days of her vacation helping our librarian, Mrs. Rosie Flor, with classification.

We will still need more books and many more man hours of labor remain to be spent in the library.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for helping us. Thank you, Dr. Raper, Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive College, and Miss Dreo. Continue to pray for our library. God is not finished with the Palawan Bible College library.

TESTIMONY OF MISS NORMA GARCIA

(Translated by

Miss Merlin Bungay)

I am Norma Garcia and I was born at Ponia Juliana subdivision, San Fernando Pampanga. I went to a Catholic elementary school and I finished my high school in Assumption College. I studied at

the University of Pampanga for two years.

Before I went to Manila I had already done many bad things against our Lord Jesus Christ; the bad works were in me already. In 1974, as a high school student, I was a drug-addict and I was drinking strong wine. I was the number one in my "barkada's" group; my friends there they liked me very much. I loved to disobey my parents and I did not mind the advice of my father at all. I had my way for myself!

My father stopped supporting me in my studies and I continued to live like I wanted myself. My parents sent me to my grandmother. I obeyed her for my own sake, because I am her first great grand-daughter. They loved me very much and my reason was: "If I do not follow them they will not love me anymore." Later on, they sent me back again to my parents at San Fernando Pampanga.

In 1979, I said good-bye to my father and traveled to Manila to find work there. My father did not agree; he said, "You are a girl and . . . you are not a good daughter." But I obeyed myself and traveled to Manila. There I was accepted in "Rubberworld" to be a janitress. Soon I was promoted to be a supervisor janitress. At Manila, I met Mrs. Felicia Madamay. She invited me to go with her to visit her relatives on Palawan.

On May 15, 1985, I met Pastor Dario Basingil and Pastor Marcos Taladro of the Free Will Baptist Church. They were in the house of my friend's brother. Pastor Marcos Taladro explained the Word of our God as it came from the beginning and about everlasting life.

First, I did not believe him, but he explained it more and more. Then I started to understand it and my mind was opened, so I came to know that there is eternal life. He taught me the way to accept Jesus Christ as my personal

Saviour. I thank God for those pastors who helped me and who taught me that there is everlasting life in Jesus Christ.

Sister Norma Garcia was baptized in January, 1986, and she returned after that to Manila.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: MISSIONARIES NEEDED

The Annual Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines, voted to request the Board of Foreign Missions to increase the missionary staff in the Philippines by two additional families, giving us a total of five families in the Philippines. Fred Baker stated in a recent letter: "This would place one family at Palawan Bible College; one, Palawan; one, Visias; one, Luzon; and one on Mindanao . . . do pray about this request. We are fast approaching the day to open Free Will Baptist work in these other locations in keeping with our development plans. It is harvest time and ideologies of various teachings are leading people in the wrong direction. There is only one way and that is Jesus Christ."

Please join us in prayer for this need. Perhaps the Lord is speaking to you concerning missionary service in the Philippines. Contact Harold Jones, Board of Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513; phone, 746-4963 for further information.

TOUR TO THE PHILIPPINES

We are planning to take a tour group to the Philippines in April, 1987, to visit our work there. The exact cost has not yet been determined, but is estimated that it will be between \$1,000-1,500 per person. This tour is for lay people and pastors. We encourage our churches to pay their pastor's travel for this trip. This will be an experience of a lifetime and will greatly increase their vision and understanding of world missions. We will visit the Grubbs, Baker and van der Plas families plus all

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Filipino workers. We will travel to the outstations and get a first-hand feeling of life in the Philippines. We will also visit some of the historical sites in the Philippines. If possible, we will plan a stop in Hawaii on the return trip.

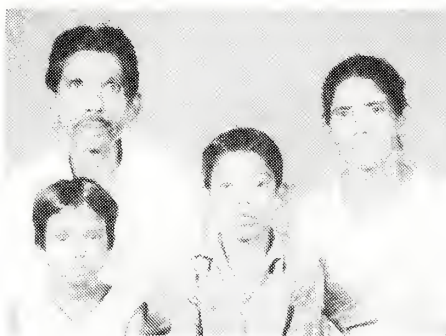
I'm sure many of you are interested. Please contact our office for further information.

THEY ARE CONVERTED

by Dr. E. M. Lall

When things cause us excitement we really like to make them known to others. We have one such instance. Mrs. Kusum Das came to our office a little more than two years ago, completely ruined and physically exhausted, asking for railway fare to travel from Bareilly to another city. Looking at her, I felt that she was in sin and had no peace, joy and happiness. Time was chasing her. I tried to know her problem and was truly sympathetic to her since she had two children with her. After a long discussion it became evident to me that she had some domestic problem with her husband, who was also leading a life in sin. Both of them had become professional in begging and in sin. I gave her some monetary help and let her go.

This lady, who is a trained teacher, came to see me again this year along with her husband John Kenneth Das and the two children (one boy and one girl) with the same need of money. I had a long discussion with them with a view to find out as what was lacking in them leading to such agony. During the course of conversation they were brought back to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. And as we continued, they opened themselves and accepted that they were in sin, which resulted in their misery. Then I fed them in our home and asked them to come the next day. They were staying in a Hindu rest house at the railway station.



They saw me again the next day and I was satisfied that they had a changed heart. They repented before me and had promised that they would lead a real Christian life. We had a word of prayer with them. We provided the couple with teaching work in our Sirauli school, with accommodations and some help for their household goods. Sirauli is a town about 77 miles from Bareilly and we saw them thrice since they joined at Sirauli. They appear real changed persons, happiness on their faces and joy in their heart.

Our school supervisors and other people of the church congregation reported to me that a vast improvement has taken place in our Sirauli school since their posting. Our minister at Sirauli reports that this couple is leading a real Christian life and are doing their best for our school.

I impressed upon these people at all times that the very purpose of ourselves being created was primarily to glorify God by our entire lives, to be in God's fellowship, and by this we are to be filled with peace, joy and happiness! We covet your prayers for this family to grow in the nearness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL PROJECT: JEEP URGENTLY NEEDED FOR INDIA

Dr. Lall uses a 1963 car, that has been rebuilt numerous times, to oversee the work in India. This car is no longer dependable and needs to be replaced with a four-wheel drive jeep that can stand the torture of the rough roads in



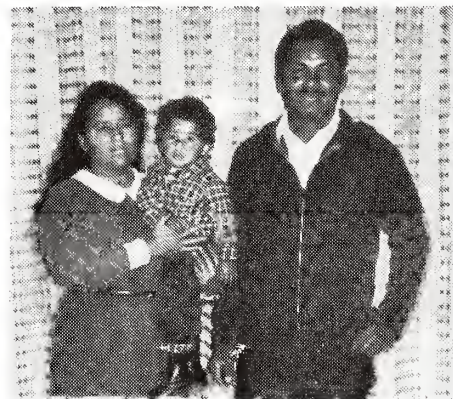
Dr. Lall's car under repair.

India.

We are asking churches and individuals to accept this as a special project. The cost of the jeep is \$12,500. Churches and individuals could contribute any amount from \$5-5,000 toward this project; and as soon as the needed amount has been received, we will inform you. We need to complete this project as soon as possible.

Please let your giving to this project be above your regular missions giving. Send your special offerings earmarked *Jeep for India* to the Board of Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 39, Ayden, NC 28513.

THREE NEW PASTORS FOR MEXICO



Armando Duenes and family.

Armando Duenes is a convert of one of our missions under the sponsorship of the Emanuel El Salvador Church, here in Piedras Negras, in 1982. He was living in alcohol and drugs until the Lord saved him and his life became new in Jesus Christ. In 1984, the

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Brother began working in one of the missions, near where he lived. In 1985, he took the pastorate of one of the missions where he is now. He and his wife have done a good work here. They have been winning souls to the Lord. They are also building a church building and the pastor's home. The April Conference was held here.

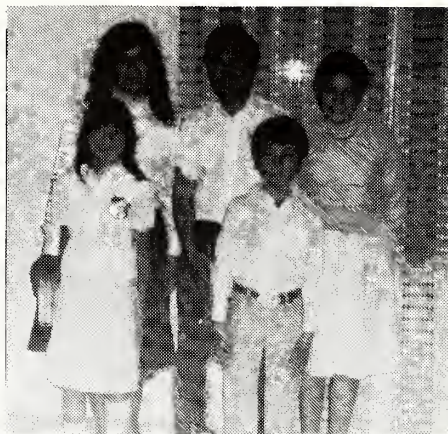
He is a Logoi student under the support of the Board of Foreign Missions. He is a good student and will be a good pastor. He was brought before the Conference to be numbered among the pastors and received gladly by the rest of the pastors.



Pastor Baldemar Montoya Hernandez and family.

Baldemar Montoya Hernandez was converted in 1981 here at the Emanuel El Salvador Church under my ministry. Before his conversion, he was a man of much drinking, a drunk. But he left all of this when he found the Lord. Glory be to God!

Brother Baldemar served as Church Director during the past three years; and in 1985, he began preaching in the mission where he is now. The Lord has blessed his ministry with a good number of converted souls who are working hard in the Lord's work. The brother is building a church with the help of those who are members of the church.



Juan Montoya and family.

Juan Montoya began attending services in 1979 in one of our missions, whose work is directed by the mother church, Emanuel El Salvador, under my ministry here in Piedras Negras. Before his conversion, his life was lived in an evil way and he was a musician with a group that did their work in those centers of vice, but he was reached for the Lord by the powerful message of the Word of God. The Lord changed his life. He became a new creature.

After his conversion, the brother left his music where he had been for a long-time and looking for a new work, so that he could care for himself and yet dedicating his life to the work of the Lord. He first began working here by playing for the music service of our church, yet asking the Lord that one day He might use him in His service. He then became one of our deacons, then co-pastor and began preaching in the missions of our churches. He wanted to better his life and ways in the ministry and became a student in the Logoi Program, under the support of the Foreign Missions Board.

It was in October, 1985, when he took the pastorate of the Emanuel El Salvador Church, in Piedras Negras, where he has been working up to now with great dedication.

Brother Juan Montoya was presented in the Conference that we had in December, 1985, as pastor in Cuidad Acuna, Coah.

WILLS AND ENDOWMENTS

The Board of Foreign Missions was recently informed that Mrs. Nellie Alford of Smithfield, NC, left part of her estate to the Board of Foreign Missions for the purpose of providing salaries for missionaries and building church buildings. We believe there are other Free Will Baptists who would like to include the Board of Foreign Missions in their wills. This would greatly increase our ability to reach around the world with the gospel and would also give you the satisfaction of knowing that your gift would continue to reach the lost with the gospel after you have received your promotion to be with the Lord.

The Board also encourages you to establish endowments for the purpose of reaching the unreached with the gospel. The chief business of the church is to reach the world with the gospel. The Board of Foreign Missions needs a solid base of funds to insure that we will never have to retreat from any area where the Lord has assigned us to work.

Please contact the Board of Foreign Missions for assistance in these matters.

A WORD FROM THE EASTERN CONFERENCE MISSIONS DIRECTOR

To: Ministers and Churches of the Eastern Conference

The annual sitting of the Eastern Conference will be held this year with Cabin Church, Wednesday and Thursday, October 22-23.

The Eastern Conference Mission Rally/Camp Vandemere Program will be held on Wednesday evening, October 22, at 7:30. We are requesting attendance from each church in the Conference, with a gift for these ministries.

On behalf of Eastern Conference Missions and Camp Vandemere, we appreciate the gift support these ministries have received in the past. Your continued prayers and faithful gift support make possible the success of these ministries within the Eastern Conference.

Eastern Conference Missions
Walter J. Sutton, Director

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AFTER FIVE YEARS—A CHURCH



**Everyone has a special invitation to our day of organization
on Sunday, October 5, 1986, at 3:00 p.m.**



(Top) Horton Road; (middle) the original site; (bottom) the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

On October 5, 1986, the Horton Road Original Free Will Baptist Mission of Durham will be organized into a self-sustaining church by the Western Conference.

In 1981, this work was begun in a rented school auditorium. Every Sunday it was necessary to bring out the chairs and equipment, and after service, make sure everything was back in place. For three years this continued.

Today, after two years of hard work and growth, this mission is proud that God has provided a beautiful building with a 200-seat sanctuary, pastor's study, nursery, fellowship hall and seven classrooms, a new baby grand piano, a nice sound system and a baptistry. The property is large enough for plenty of growth along with several ball fields.

We say, "Thank you" to every person and church who has contributed to Home Missions to help make this a reality. Your prayers and support shall ever be remembered.

FALL CONVOCATION: A QUEST FOR THE BEST



All ready for convocation—Freshmen Kim Parish of Goldsboro, left, and Charles Denning of Faison are among the members of the Mount Olive College family who gathered for Fall Convocation. Miss Parish is a member of Spring Hill Church, near Goldsboro (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

by Pepper Worthington
Professor of English
Mount Olive College

Let our theme for this new school year be our quest for the best," President W. Burkette Raper said, as he focused his eyes upon the gathered students and faculty in College Hall on the evening of Fall Convocation.

The internal rhyme struck—just as the hour for a new beginning, a new quest, another movement forward.

"You are here at Mount Olive College to search for the skills to help you find employment. You are here to search for maturity to put work together. You are here to look in the mirror and say to yourself, 'I have done my best.' You are here to share in your quest for the best, because your experience at Mount Olive College should be a *shared* experience. And when you have done your best, you have won the greatest battle of all." Dr. Raper looked across the new faces.

Pausing, his face became somber, as if the thought ahead struck a new time, another

awareness, a wider consciousness. "We are living at a grave time in the history of our civilization. The problems of our world will not be resolved by marching, by carrying placards, or by loud music. Our economy is in trouble. Now it costs more and more to produce less and less. America is importing more than exporting. We are not attuned to future generations. Our concept of family life is being eroded by too many people who want sexual freedom without responsibility. Our country is plagued by alcohol, by drugs, by AIDS. A college degree is no longer an assured ticket to employment." Again he paused, then added emphatically, "An education that is not continuous is obsolete."

Gathered in College Hall were friends of the College mingling with both new and returning students, the enrollment at Mount Olive College being the largest in the history of the College. Recognizing the urgency of the times, Dr. Raper asked, "What

does Mount Olive College have to offer?"

With conviction and a commitment of 32 years as President, Dr. Raper answered. "Our philosophy of education gives meaning and purpose to life. We maintain an emphasis upon *scholarship* and *Christian living*. Our faith is our authorization to be in business. A Christian college is committed to the Christian faith, to academic excellence, and to moral values. If it were not for this conviction, I would not have invested 32 years of my life here. Our Christian commitment is our foundation to our quest for the best."

Praising the faculty, the resources of 41,000 volumes in Moye Library, the College policy of required chapel attendance, the educational curriculum, and the religious life on the campus, Dr. Raper concluded, "We are not here to squeeze you into a mold. We are here to help you *be* and *become* the person God created you to be. If you build upon a solid foundation, if you make a commitment to be the best you can be, you will become more and more the person God created you to be."

1986 SCHEDULE FOR COLLEGE DINNERS

Nash County, Thursday, October 2, 7:00 p.m., Middlesex Elementary School, Middlesex; Lester Duncan, Chairman. Goal: \$4,500.

Lenoir County, Saturday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Lenoir County Shrine Club, Highway 70 E, Kinston; Stanley Jenkins, Chairman. Goal: \$8,500.

Jones County, Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston; Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, Chairman. Goal: \$2,350.

Onslow, New Hanover, and Brunswick Counties, Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., Folkstone Church, Folkstone; Ronnie Parker, Chairman. Goal: \$3,100.

Beaufort County, Saturday, October 11, 7:00 p.m., Beaufort Community College (Learning Resource Center), Washington, William D. Gurkin, Chairman. Goal: \$8,270.

Greene County, Monday, October 13, 7:00 p.m., West Greene School, Snow Hill; Mrs. Lena Walston, Chairman. Goal: \$13,150.

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DR. JIM PONDER RETURNS TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Dr. Jim Ponder of Jacksonville, Florida, will conduct a campus revival at Mount Olive College, October 5-8. Ponder, who was the guest speaker at last year's State Convention Evangelism Rally, is a full-time, world-wide evangelist.

In 1981, he founded Jim Ponder ministries, an evangelism ministry designed to share the gospel through crusade and mission evangelism. More than 40,000 people from 26 states and seven countries have made decisions for Christ through this ministry.

A graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ponder has pastored churches in Texas and Illinois. He has served as director of evangelism for Baptists in Illinois and Florida for over 15 years and has preached over 600 crusades, church revivals, conferences and rallies.

An evangelist for 21 years, Ponder has also served on the teaching staff of the Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism.

All pastors and their wives are especially invited to attend "Evangelism Strategies for Pastors" set for Tuesday. This session is co-sponsored by the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism of Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina.

A schedule of events is listed below. For further information contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, director of church relations, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone (919) 658-2502.



MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE CAMPUS REVIVAL

Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 5, - Wednesday, October 8, 1986

Sunday - College Hall

7:30 p.m. - Community Crusade

Monday - Rodgers Chapel

11:00 a.m. - Chapel Service. Will meet with some classes during the day and have a session in the dorm at night.

Tuesday - Rodgers Chapel

"Evangelism Strategies for Pastors"

9:30-10:30 a.m. - A Theology of Evangelism and Motivation for Evangelism

11:00 a.m. - Chapel Service

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:30- 2:30 p.m. - "Follow-up and Discipling" Once a Person Makes a Decision

1:30- 3:30 p.m. - Session With Ministers' Wives With Joyce Ponder

2:45- 3:45 p.m. - How to Handle Publicity and Plan a Revival Service

Wednesday - Rodgers Chapel

11:00 a.m. - Chapel Service

The public is invited to all services.

RECORD ENROLLMENT FOR 1986-87 FALL SEMESTER

Mount Olive College reached a record enrollment this fall with a total of 782 students. The total includes 519 on campus and 263 in the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base extension program.

Duplin County, Saturday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., East Duplin High School, near Beulaville; William D. Thigpen, Chairman. Goal: \$10,450.

Edgembe-Halifax Counties, Monday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., Peace Church, near Pinetops; David Ricks, Chairman. Goal: \$6,250.

Pamlico County, Saturday, October 25, 6:00 p.m., Camp Vandemere, Vandemere; Douglas Skinner, Chairman. Goal: \$5,500.

Wayne County, Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m., College Hall, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive; Mrs. Bettie B. Lynch, Chairman. Goal: \$21,050.

Johnston-Wake Counties, Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., Everett Chapel Church (Spiritual Life Building), Clayton; Donald Coates and K. Alan Lamm, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$30,650.

Carteret County, Saturday, November 8, 6:00 p.m., East Carteret School, Beaufort; Reginald Styron, Chairman. Goal: \$9,730.

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank Counties, Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, Roper; David Cahoon, Chairman. Goal: \$6,580.

Craven County, Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., West Craven Middle School, near New Bern; Miss Marice DeBruhl, Chairman. Goal: \$13,550.

Wilson County, Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., Beddingfield High School near Wilson, James B. Hunt, chairman. Goal: \$23, 550.

Pitt County, Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., D. H. Conley High School near Winterville, Mrs. Dorothy D. Dail and Tim Tyndall, co-chairman. Goal: \$22,100.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 20, 7:00 p.m., Clinton-Sampson Agri-Civic Center, Clinton; C. Felton Godwin, Chairman. Goal: \$10,320.

LAMM NAMED LADY TROJAN COACH

James W. Lamm, a 1965 graduate of Mount Olive College, has been named as coach of the Lady Trojan basketball team at Mount Olive College. He comes to Mount Olive after serving 16 years as the girls' basketball coach at Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson.

The Black Creek native received a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University.

He is married to Janice Graves Lamm, formerly of Snow Hill. They have two daughters: Beth, who is eight years old; and Cindy, a sophomore at Mount Olive College.



MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILD CARE

On June 1, Mrs. Helen Keevert assumed the duties of Director of Child Care of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Mrs. Keevert is no stranger to the Home—she had served in the position of Social Worker for a year previous to becoming Director of Child Care.

Mrs. Keevert has a BA degree in Psychology, with a concentration in Business Administration. She is certified in Preventive Intervention Training, Certificate Training Program, Nutrition Planning, CPR and First Aid. Before coming to work at the Children's Home, Mrs. Keevert did volunteer work for Wilson-Greene Mental Health and Child Development Center, working with mentally and physically handicapped children. At present Mrs. Keevert is working on her Master's degree in Education at North Carolina State University.

She is married to Ellis Keevert and they have two children Eric, 16, and Amy, 14.

We are happy to have Mrs. Keevert in this position and feel that she is very qualified to handle the challenges in providing the children with Christian Child Care.

A VISIT HOME

A very shy, sweet young man of eight years old was admitted to the care of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at the beginning of the year 1975. Kenneth quickly adjusted to the Home and began



elementary school in Middlesex. He did so well in fact that he received a certificate for performance on the school's track and field team that next school year.

By the time Kenny entered secondary school his teacher, Mrs. Gabriel, reported that "Kenny works extremely well in class and is quite cooperative." His teachers, however, were not always free with good reports. Often throughout his school years teachers complained that he failed to complete his homework assignments. Though homework seemed to plague him, he completed his high school education and in June, 1985, Kenneth received his hard-earned diploma. This was a big moment in his life and rewarding for all those who grew to love him through the years.

After spending the summer working in Rocky Mount and Wilson, Kenneth enlisted in the Job Corps and received assignment to the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center in Morganfield, Kentucky. This was another big step for Kenneth. He felt good about making decisions for himself. The Job Corps would prepare him for a future career as a welder.

At twenty years old, Kenneth is all grown up now. He paid us a visit this summer while on leave from the Job Corps. He spent most of his two-day visit working

on the grounds for Mr. Batchelor. He told us he just wanted to help out where he could on campus. His vacation ended quickly and Kenneth returned to Morganfield, where he plans to complete his one-year assignment before returning to the Rocky Mount area.

Kenneth may be years away from the timid little eight-year-old boy of 1975 but he will always be our little boy at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. We love him and wish him much success and happiness in all the years ahead.

A NIGHT OUT



The Free Will Baptist Children's Home campus was alive with smiling faces the night of August 13. The street lights lit up and, contrary to normal procedure, the children popped out of their cottages and on to the campus grounds.

The fun and games began with our Recreational Director, Sarah Moore, supervising several all-time favorite games. Who wouldn't enjoy "Red Rover, Red Rover" and "Hide and Seek"? Then crazy songs were sung while ice cream cones were eaten. The children presented Sarah with a scrapbook of summer memories as a going-away present. Sarah and the children will miss each other very much. (She will be returning to college for her senior year.)

Slides from last Christmas were shown on the lawn. Everyone loved this part of the evening and requested that the slides be shown over and over.

Sarah completed the evening with a quiet devotion. The children were thankful for the night and returned without fuss to their cottages at 9:30 p.m.

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FIELD DAY

Participation was at an all-time high! Trying to get a group of thirty children, varied ages, to take part in anything is a job in itself. Sarah, our Summer Recreational Director, managed to accomplish this on Thursday, August 7, at our annual Field Day.

Children and staff alike participated in the games and fun. Who would think an adult could sit on a small child's lap? **We did it and it worked!** What! Roll a woofle ball in the grass using only your nose? These games and other all-time favorites, such as over-under, potato on a spoon and sack races, were played during the morning hours.

The Retirees joined us for our noon meal consisting of barbecue and chicken. Fun and fellowship made the walls of the dining hall ring with sounds of joy and laughter.

The afternoon brought games and relays at the pool. Near the

end of the day some of the staff presented a skit. The children enjoyed watching their cottage supervisors and office personnel acting silly and crazy.

Yes, Field Day was a huge success. Children and staff enjoyed the day very much and look forward to another one soon!

A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS

What! A circus being held in the American Legion Hall. No Big Tent? No animals? Imagine our surprise as we sat in our seats and the circus began.

First, there was Bingo, the Clown. He was the icebreaker. I noticed the children laughing a little. The Rolling Diamonds were next. This was a family that had a roller skating act. The young boy was about thirteen. He was really good. The children were amazed when they saw that he could juggle also. He really surprised them by being such a good acrobat. They were talking about him long

after we returned home. The funniest act, however, was a ventriloquist by the name of Bill Lamous. I saw the children respond most to him. He was excellent. He had all of us laughing. It was a special night for everyone; we appreciated the opportunity to go.

SCHOOL REWARD

On Tuesday, July 29, twelve children were rewarded a pizza lunch for their achievements during the final nine weeks of school. All of the children were proud to go and enjoyed the salad buffet as well as picking out their favorite kinds of pizza! Many of these children worked hard to earn their grades and were pleased to be recognized. After an hour of eating all-*WE*-could-eat, we were treated to Care Bear puppets and balloons, compliments of the restaurant staff. Many of us look forward to the next school reward time year and plan to work hard each nine weeks.



The Theme for the two Cragmont Woman's Conferences was **CHRIST, THE TRUE TABERNACLE**.

Mrs. Dola Dudley and Miss Becky Jo Sumner were directors of the Conferences. Mrs. Alice Barrow was registrar. Musicians for the first week were: Mrs. Alma Dale, director; Mrs. Alma Buck, organist; Mrs. Geraldine Summerlin, pianist; for the second week, Mrs. Donna Holland, director; Mrs. Nina Grace Register, organist; Mrs. Geraldine Summerlin, pianist.

Mrs. Betty Jo Rivers presented the Bible Study the first week and Miss Becky Jo Sumner taught the second week.

There were 170 women who attended.

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OAK GROVE CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, DEDICATES ITS FELLOWSHIP HALL: In May, 1982, the Rev. James B. Hardee called a special meeting with the men of Oak Grove Church. It focused on the construction of a 36' x 85' Fellowship Hall. With enthusiasm and commitment from the members of the church, they were eager to meet the challenge. The men voted to build the Fellowship Hall themselves at a cost of \$62,000. (The estimated cost of construction was over \$100,000.) Groundbreaking ceremonies were held the first Sunday in August, 1982, with construction beginning the following Saturday. Working side by side, the men labored every Saturday in this extensive building pro-

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gram to make a dream become a reality. Deep appreciation was extended to all the ladies of Oak Grove for preparation of meals, while the men labored on the hall until completion of the building in May, 1983. The first Fellowship Dinner was held February, 1983.

A special thanks goes to the Church Finance Association for its support, to those within the church who gave interest-free loans, and to church members who generously contributed on designated Sundays for the Building Fund. The Lord heard and answered prayers; the congregation was able to repay the Church Finance Association and private member loans in full twenty-two months later.

OAK GROVE CHURCH, of Bladenboro, held Vacation Bible School in June. The average attendance each night was 55. There were 20 professions of faith and 18 baptized.

WINTERVILLE CHURCH will have its Annual Harvest Day Sale on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 10 a.m. Crafts and baked goods will be on sale throughout the day. A new addition this year will be "The Church Family Christmas Tree." This will have various kinds of ornaments made by our church family. Bar-B-Que chicken plates will be sold at lunch and hot dogs at supper. There will be special singing at 6 p.m., followed by an auction sale. Come for a full day of fun, food and fellowship. These activities will take place at the Winterville Fire Department. This event is sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Class.

WINTERVILLE CHURCH, Winterville, will observe its Homecoming on October 12. This will be a celebration of the first year of worship in the completed sanctuary. Morning worship will be followed by dinner on the grounds and a singspiration in the afternoon.

Beginning on Monday, at 7:30 p.m., and continuing through Friday night revival services will be held with the Rev. Gary Bailey, pastor of Stoney Creek Church, as evangelist. Everyone is invited to attend all the services.

SPRING BRANCH CHURCH, near Walstonburg, will observe its annual homecoming day services on October 5, with Charles Tyn-dall, of Walstonburg, as the guest speaker. Dinner will follow immediately after the service.

Revival services will be held October 6-10, at 7:30 each evening, with the Rev. Calvin Heath, pastor of Robert's Grove Church, near Dunn, as the evangelist. The public is invited to attend.

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WEST CLINTON CHURCH, Clinton, will observe homecoming on October 12, with the Rev. Roy Clifton, a former pastor now living in Durham, delivering the morning message. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by special singing. The pastor, the Rev. Earl Johnson, and the congregation invite all to attend.

REVIVAL SERVICES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AT KING'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH for October 19-24. The Rev. Ray Williamson will serve as the guest evangelist; the Rev. Bruce Jones is pastor of the church. Special singing will be featured each evening. The church is located near Farmville.

THE CAPE FEAR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will be held on October 8 at Pleasant Grove Church. The theme of the Convention is "Come to the Fountain" and the theme Scripture is Revelation 21:6. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "There Is a Fountain"
- Devotions, Sandra Hayes, Haymount Church
- Welcome, Lillie Jones, Host Church
- Response, Joyce Brown, Smithfield Church
- Greetings, Grace Barbour, Hopewell Church
- Business Session
- Come to the Fountain Through Missions
- Come to the Fountain Through the Children's Home
- Come to the Fountain Through the Retirement Homes
- Come to the Fountain Through Mount Olive College
- Come to the Fountain Through Cragmont
- Come to the Fountain Through the Free Will Baptist Press

- 11:15—Morning Worship
 - Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount"
 - Offering
 - Special Music
 - Convention Message, Becky Jo Sumner, Hickory Chapel Church
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Hymn, "When I See the Blood"
- Life Membership Award
- 1:20—Miscellaneous Business
- Hymn, "Glory to His Name"
- 2:00—Adjournment

MOUNT ZION CHURCH, Roper, has scheduled revival services October 13-17. The Rev. Fred Rivenbark will be the guest evangelist. Special singing will be featured each evening. The Rev. Charlie Overton pastors the church.

CRAB POINT CHURCH, Morehead City, will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary and homecoming on Sunday, October 26. All former members and friends are cordially invited to attend the day's activities.

A former pastor, the Rev. Lloyd Gore, is a member of the singing group, "The Servants," which will be providing special music.

Revival services have been scheduled for October 27-31. The Rev. Noah Brown will be the guest evangelist.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH will hold its Baked Ham and Turkey Dinner and Annual Bazaar on October 18, at the Back Swamp Community Building. Dinners will be served beginning at 11 a.m.

THE CAPE FEAR DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION will sponsor a study course on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Hopewell Church, near Smithfield. Mrs. Lynette Summerlin will speak on the topic, "Stewardship."



ROBERTS GROVE CHURCH, Route 1, Dunn, observed Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 7. As each grandparent arrived, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson, the Sunday School Superintendent and his wife, handed him a long-stemmed red carnation. During Sunday School, he read a poem honoring them, and thanked them for their contributions to the growth and success of the church. He then invited each grandparent to join him and his wife out on the front steps for the annual picture session.

THE CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION will convene October 11 with the Haymount Church in Fayetteville, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. The theme for the Convention is, "Making Sunday School More Attractive." Becky Jo Sumner will be the Convention speaker. It is hoped that all Cape Fear teachers and superintendents will be present.

Lunch will be served after the Convention.

THE CAPE FEAR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP met on August 2 at the Cumberland County Park. Approximately 250 individuals were in attendance. The Youth Banner went to Haymount Church, which had 27 young people present. The Overall Banner went to Robert's Grove Church, with an attendance of 37. Eleven churches represented at the Convention.

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SAINTS DELIGHT CHURCH has scheduled revival services for October 8-10, with the Rev. John Owens serving as the guest speaker. Special singing will be featured each evening.

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL will meet on Monday, October 6, at the First Church, Greenville. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Anyone having business with the Council is asked to contact the Rev. Ray Williamson by phoning him at 758-4356.

PEOPLES CHAPEL CHURCH, Route 2, Elm City, is presently involved in a series of revival services which will continue through October 3. Services begin each evening with the prayer room at 7:30, and worship follows at 7:45. The guest evangelist is the Rev. James Joyner, pastor of Kenly Church.

The church will observe its annual homecoming services on Sunday, October 5. The day's activities will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11. Lunch will be served in the Ferrell Building following the morning's services.

CORE POINT CHAPEL CHURCH, Core Point, installed the new officers of its Woman's Auxiliary on Wednesday evening, September 3. The Rev. Timothy Webber explained the symbol and the tri-fold purpose of the Auxiliary during the candle-light service. The installation was closed by Mr. Webber's rendition of "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit."

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL will meet on October 9 at the First Church in Wilson. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE will meet with Saint Mary's Church, Wilson County, on October 16.

The scheduled program is as follows:

- 9:30—Hymn
- 9:35—Devotions, the Rev. Fred Rivenbark
- 9:50—Welcome, the Rev. Keith Cobb
 - Response, Mr. Rufus Haire
 - Roll Call of Ministers, Mr. Johnnie Howell, Clerk
 - Roll Call of Churches, Mr. Johnnie Howell, Clerk
 - Recognition of Visitors, the Rev. Floyd Cherry, Moderator
 - Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
 - Moderator's Message
- 11:00—The Centennial Celebration: This will consist of special music and a short testimonial from all living former moderators. The regular morning offering will also be received during this celebration.
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. James Rogerson
- 1:10—Report of the Executive Committee
 - Report of the Children's Home
 - Report of Mount Olive College
 - Report of Foreign Missions Board
 - Report of Home Missions Board
 - Report of Board of Ordination
 - Report of Obituary Committee
 - Report of State Convention
 - Report of the Treasurer
 - Final Report of the Credentials Committee
 - Report of Retirement Homes
 - Report of Church Finance Association
 - Report of Carolina Bible Institute
 - Report of the Nominating Committee
 - Final Business Session

MARLBORO CHURCH, Route 1, Farmville, has scheduled revival services October 19-22, with the Rev. Bruce Barrow as guest evangelist. The Sunday evening service will begin at 7; the remainder of the services will begin at 7:30.

Homecoming will be celebrated on Sunday, October 26. The day's activities will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Worship will follow at 11 and lunch will be served afterwards. A memorial service and singspiration will highlight the afternoon's activities.

The Rev. Scott Sowers, pastor, and the congregation cordially invite everyone to join them for these services.

THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE will convene with Lee's Chapel Church, Dunn, on October 30. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 8:30—Registration
- 9:00—Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Billy Nowell
 - Welcome, the Rev. Bobby Tew
 - Response, Mrs. Ruth Warwick
- 9:15—Call To Order
 - Registration Rules Explained by Credentials Committee
 - Roll Call of Officers and Standing Boards
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Roll Call of Ministers
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin
 - Appointment of Committees
- 9:45—Mount Olive College Report
- 10:00—Children's Home Report
- 10:15—Other Denominational Enterprises
- 11:00—Congregational Singing

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- Offering and Offertory
- Prayer
- Special Music, Host Church
- Sermon, the Rev. Dean Kennedy
- 12:00—Recess for Lunch
- 1:15—Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Tony Reep
- 1:25—Report of Standing Committees
 - Executive Committee
 - Ordaining Council
 - Sunday School Convention
 - Woman's Auxiliary Convention
 - Cape Fear Ministers' Conference
 - Board of Education
- 2:15—Report of Temporary Committees
 - Temperance
 - Resolutions
 - Obituary
 - Credentials
 - Nominating
- 3:00—Business Session
 - Treasurer's Report, H. T. Hinson
 - Adjournment

THE NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE will meet with Cabin Church on October 22-23. The scheduled program is as follows:

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Registration
- 10:00—Scripture and Prayer, Adrian Massey
- 10:10—Conference Called to Order, Conference Clerk
 - Welcome to Cabin Church, the Rev. Orvin Everett Jr., Pastor, Cabin Church
 - Response, the Rev. Marvin R. Waters
- 10:20—Moderator's Address, the Rev. David C. Hansley
- 10:30—Roll Call of Ministers
 - Receive Church Letters
 - Partial Report of Credentials Committee

- Recognize and Welcome Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:55—Camp Vandemere Report, the Rev. Ralph Sumner, Director
- 11:05—Mount Olive College Report, the Rev. Frank R. Harrison
- 11:15—Worship Service
 - Hymn and Worship Offering
 - Sermon, the Rev. W. H. Willis
- 12:00—Lunch and Fellowship

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Hymn and Prayer
- 1:40—Executive Committee Report, the Rev. K. David Hines, Conference Clerk
- 1:45—Examining Board Report, the Rev. Francis Garner, Board Secretary
- 1:50—Eastern Conference Missions Board Report, the Rev. Walter J. Sutton, Chairman
- 2:00—General Conference Report, the Rev. Harry Jones, President
- 2:05—North Carolina Ministerial Association Report, the Rev. Doug Skinner, President
- 2:10—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Report, the Rev. Grady Tucker, Representative of Conference Memberships
- 2:15—Eastern Auxiliary Convention Report, Mildred Jenkins
- 2:20—Church Finance Association Report, Reginald Styron, Representative of Conference Memberships
- 2:25—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:45—Recess

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Eastern Conference/Camp Vandemere Program
 - Prelude
 - Hymn, "Send the Light"
 - Devotional and Prayer, the

- Rev. Orvin Everett Jr., Pastor, Cabin Church
- Welcome and Announcements
- Hymn, "At the Cross"
- Eastern Conference Missions/Camp Vandemere Worship Offering
- Offertory, Layman
- Eastern Conference Missions Report, the Rev. Walter J. Sutton, Director
- Report from Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Ralph Sumner, Director
- Message, the Rev. Jerry Rowe, Pastor, Cape Carteret Mission
- Gospel Invitation
- Benediction
- Postlude and Fellowship

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Registration (For Those Not Already Registered)
- 10:00—Scripture and Prayer, Franklin Baggett
- 10:10—Read and Approve Minutes of Previous Day
 - Roll Call of Ministers Absent Wednesday
- 10:25—Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes Report, the Rev. Walter J. Sutton, Director
- 10:30—Cragmont Assembly Report, the Rev. John Williams, Director
- 10:35—Original Free Will Baptist Ministers' Program Report, the Rev. Don Fader, Director
- 10:40—Foreign Missions Board Report, the Rev. Harold Jones, Director
- 10:45—Home Missions and Evangelism Board Report, the Rev. Ray Wells, Chairman
- 10:50—Free Will Baptist Children's Home Report, the Rev. Bobby Taylor, Director
- 10:55—State Sunday School Convention Report, the Rev. Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary
- 11:00—State Convention Report,

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the Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
President

11:05—Ordination Service,
Eastern Conference Ex-
amining Board

12:00—Lunch and Fellowship

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Memorial Service, Mem-
orial Committee

1:40—Eastern Conference Lay-
man's League Report, J. T.
Wilson

1:45—Final Report of the
Credentials Committee

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amining Board, the Rev.
Francis Garner, Secretary

2:00—Committee Reports

—Temperance

—Digest

—Finance

—Treasurer, Woodrow
McCoy, Conference
Treasurer

—Resolutions

—Nominating

3:00—Miscellaneous Business

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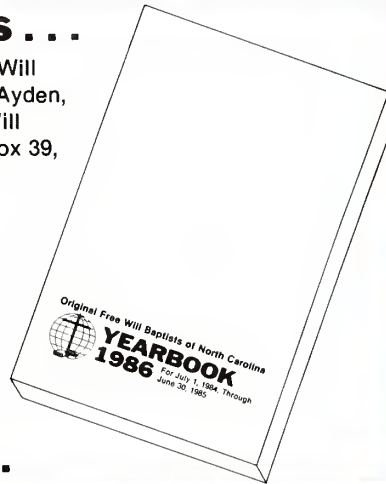
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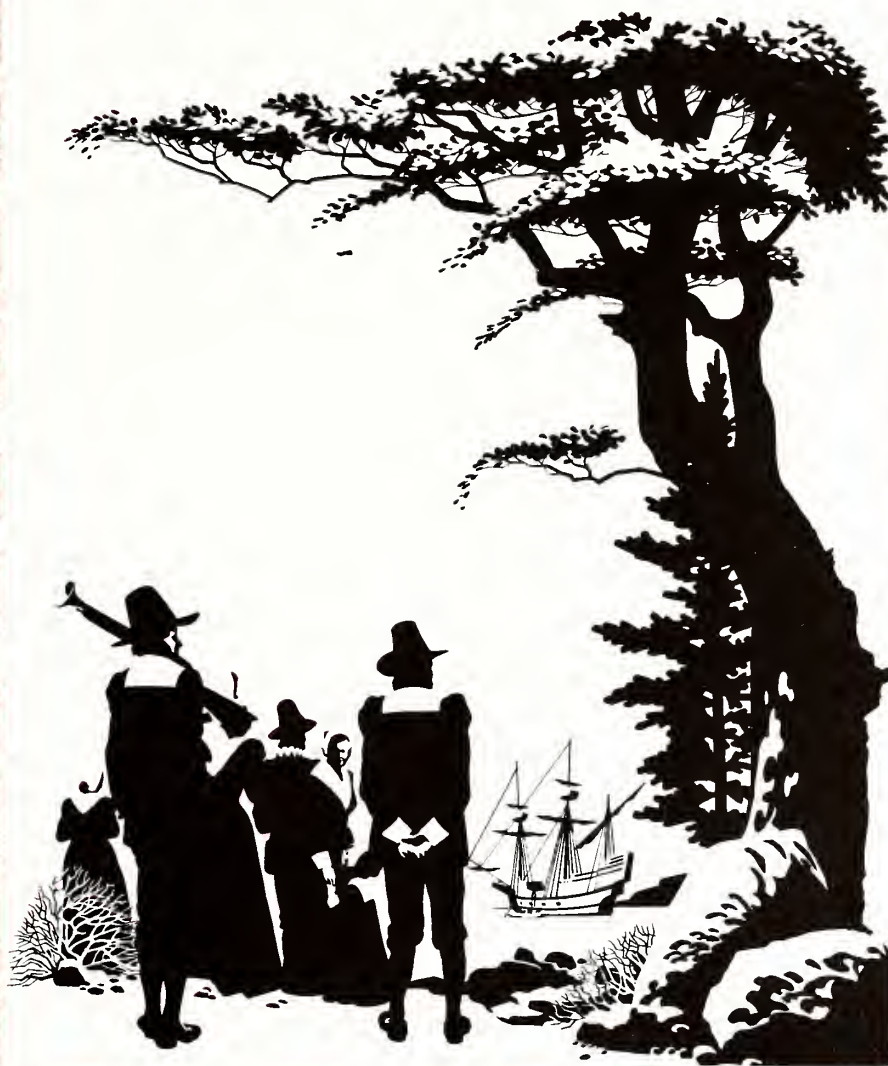
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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

by Nancy Brandenberger

Count your blessings." My mother-in-law laid this advice on me one day about 11 years ago. It was my anniversary. My husband was traveling on business leaving me to "celebrate" with his parents. We had two children then. Our 6 year old had recently been diagnosed as borderline retarded and assigned to special education classes. Our 5 year old had leukemia and we were given little if any hope for

her recovery. *Count your blessings, indeed! I did not do it.*

The years have gone by, and I have had the opportunity to observe numerous mishaps and tragedies among friends and family and experienced a few of my own. No one is exempt. But my problems usually seem monstrous in comparison with those of others.

During the relative calm when there are no big issues to deal with, even the accumulation of small irritations can depress me. Something as simple as 50 socks in a heap on the laundry floor—each one inside out—can put me over the edge.

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One day I listened to myself dispensing a pearl of wisdom to my bickering 9 and 11 year olds. "You do not know how lucky you are," I said, annoyed. "If you had to sit down and put all your blessings on paper, you could not find a sheet long enough!" But for once I was not so preoccupied that I could not hear myself. I decided then and there to make time to list my own blessings.

What evolved was an awareness of all the good around me that was going unnoticed. Unfortunately, in the past the accent was too often on the negative with the many positives taken for granted.

I prepared a systematic plan with a few rules. Each day I would sit down in a quiet place and spend five minutes detailing the positive aspects of my life and closest relationships. Absolutely no negative points would be allowed unless they had a definite redeeming value. At the close of each session, I would thank God for providing me with this particular blessing.

Since it was the children who forced the issue in the first place, I began with our youngest of three daughters. I examined her appearance, health, mental abilities, personality and character, and found that I have a comparatively super kid. Whenever critical thoughts tried to intrude (and they *did*), I either dismissed them outright or turned them around to show their sunny side. For example, she is messy. But she is also creative and creative minds are rarely tidy. While I thought it would be difficult to fill the five minutes, I used up eight.

On the second day I proceeded to our middle child. That was going to be tough, I thought, since she is so much like her mother and therefore a prime candidate for criticism. Digging through her record of performance I not only found some real gems, but also



decided that if I could do so well with *her* I might tack on an extra day to the end of the program to list reasons why I am thankful that I am *me*! Somewhere in the allotted time for this child I realized that she was the only one in the family who *does* turn her

socks right side out before throwing them into the hamper. I later brought this to her attention and you would have thought I had handed her a gift.

The third day brought me to our oldest daughter. I found during the course of her session that I too

often focus on her disabilities rather than on her achievements: retarded, yes, but also affectionate and trusting beyond most people's capabilities. She has already exceeded the professionals' predictions for her progress. She is an uninhibited person whose emotions shine clearly on her uncomplicated face. No schemes, no dishonesty, no hypocrisy. She has taught her mother tough lessons in humility, acceptance and fight. I might have learned these somewhere else along the line, but more likely, I would not have. I went overtime on my assigned period once again.

Although we lost our 5 year old more than 10 years ago, I could not become involved in a program about my children without giving time to her. Through her I had learned bitter lessons. *Never* would I have been so sympathetic to others' grief had I not experienced it myself. *Never* would the quality of my mothering have expanded so far without her.

On to my spouse. Any married person knows how easy it is to "forget" all the qualities that made a mate so attractive in the first place—especially after several years.

This session became nostalgic. I recalled the excitement, the optimism, the plans and preparations for our life together. I hung on to review the humorous misconceptions we had of the future. The bad times and the hard times that we survived together were considered also—not for their negative aspects, but for the growth they inspired. This session went overtime too.

And when he came home from work that night I found myself looking at him in a warmer, more appreciative way. He works so hard. He cares so much, and he is *fun*.

I took parents one at a time rather than as a couple. This would, I knew, add days to the

program.

With the parents I trained my thoughts on our present relationship rather than on the years when I was growing up. During the sessions on both sets of parents I considered the state of their health, their record of noninterference in my marriage and child rearing, the genuine pleasure they take in their grandchildren, the examples they continue to give through their longtime commitment to their marriages, and their active faith in God.

Friends were next on my list. While I used only one session devoted to several friends, I considered that I might give a few of them their own day the next time I use this prayer form. Their support in time of need, their availability for companionship and pleasure and their role as sounding board were a few of the major positives I explored. They also help to make me a better person by allowing me to return favors.

I labeled the next day's session "thanks-for-the-stuff": the daily bread, the warm house, the shoes and socks (even if they *are* inside out), the education for my kids, the money to pay for softball, the two crazy dogs who bark when anyone comes in the drive (no robberies at *our* house), the regular income, the bikes in the garage, the appliances that make my job easier and the time to play golf.

The house has never burned down. I have never been in any serious accident, earthquake or tornado. No war, famine or plague terrorizes our country. I have never been jailed or beaten. These last may sound drastic but these things *do* happen to people. But for the grace of God . . .

I saved the last day for myself because I find it more difficult to zero in on my good points than I do on others'. I began slowly. I have a mind that works. I am growing, becoming more aware of the

goodness around me. Because I believe in God my optimism usually overrides my cynicism. I am a faithful wife and I try to be an attentive mother. I am a loyal friend.

I shifted uncomfortably. This whole thing did not seem humble. But truth is humility. And I was examining my good points for one reason—to thank God for these blessings and for the grace He has given me to progress and evolve into a better person.

I continued on. When something like "opinionated" cropped up, I forced myself to find its positive side just as I did on all the other days for all of the others. (Better to be opinionated than to have no opinion and take no stand at all.) At the end of this particular session I found that I liked myself a little better.

My personal prayer of thanks lasted almost two weeks. I cannot pinpoint the day when my step became lighter and my smile more frequent. The awareness that the magnitude of my blessings was overwhelming put me in a positively glowing mood. It was then that I knew that I must share this prayer form with others.

I would be totally unrealistic and unbelievable to claim that I am now living happily ever after without a single disappointment, angry moment or care in the world. No mature person expects this or even thinks it is deserved. Appropriate reaction to life's inconveniences, hardships and tragedies is inevitable. Even Jesus became angry. Even Jesus grieved. But He did not get all bogged down in negatives, nor should we.

This prayer form can be tailored to any person's lifestyle and relationships. Everyone has blessings to count. And in thanking God for those we have—one by one—we will realize the bonus of an uplifted spirit which makes it easier to deal with our problems.

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A GROWING CHURCH

by Roger Hawthorne



Some truths are so self-evident that they are never questioned.

One such truth is that a small church located in a population-declining area must inevitably get smaller, and eventually close when membership has declined sufficiently.

Add to that the fact the small church is in the midst of an agriculturally dependent area which is suffering the distress of the agricultural economy, we can start writing that church's obituary.

The First Presbyterian Church of Otis, Colorado, is such a church. The nearly one-hundred-year-old church had 143 members in 1952, but by mid-January, 1985, membership had dipped to 71. The year before, receipts had fallen over \$7,000 short of the church budget despite financial assistance from the presbytery.

By August, 1985, the church had posted a 28 percent membership increase, a 36 percent increase in giving, and sometimes saw worship attendance double the previous year.

How did it happen?

The laity made it happen.

At the lowest point, the church's session, the local governing board, invited two evangelism consultants to meet with members of the congregation, then hounded and badgered members until they turned out for the meeting. Nearly a third of the church's membership came to the initial meeting with the evangelism consultants who pointedly did not present a slick evangelism program but guided the members into identifying their own faith, goals and understanding of evangelism.

Several factors were identified which inhibited any potential to

increase membership. One was appearance: the church sanctuary had not been painted in over thirty years and a rear yard, visible from three-fourths of the parking lot, was a weed patch; patches of lawn were bare or dying.

Another factor was lack of fellowship, incorporating new members into the care of the congregation.

Perhaps the largest factor inhibiting growth was the expectation that evangelism was the job of the minister, but the participating members came to realize the ministers might well have been the reason the church membership had so declined. The church had three sour pastorates in a row. In between, a very popular interim pastor packed the sanctuary, although giving continued to decline; the day the interim pastor left, so did all the new people she had introduced to the church. They had joined the minister, not the church.

The session launched an all-out assault on all the problems simultaneously.

1) A special fund over and beyond the church's budget was created to repaint the sanctuary. Within a very few months, the sanctuary was repainted and the painting was fully funded.

2) A special flower and plant day was held in which members were encouraged to bring plants from their gardens to place in the church yard. Three separate flower beds now emblazon the church grounds with color.

3) New sod was planted in the lawn, and dying elm trees were either trimmed or removed.

4) Special worship services marked these events. The sanctuary was rededicated, and a special blessing ceremony accompanied the planting.

5) The session tapped a retired elder and deacon to head an evangelism committee, and the committee and the church's current interim pastor identified both prospective new members and old

members who had lapsed into inactivity.

6) The evangelism committee fielded a two-person calling team to visit with the people identified, and composition of the calling team changed from time to time, bringing together an experienced caller with a new person, creating a pool of experienced callers. This fall the evangelism committee intends to put three two-person calling teams to work, each making three to four home visits a week. They will not only call upon prospective members but also they will call upon established members in the name of fellowship and pastoral care.

7) By deliberate design, new members were only received when a number wished to unite with the church, rather than family by family. Whenever possible, reception of new members was followed by a potluck congregational meal to provide opportunity for old members to visit with new members. During the meal, the evangelism committee presented new members either with Christian lapel pins or necklaces.

Where did they find prospective members in a population-declining area?

The numbers of people who belong to a church are always higher in small, rural communities than in suburbs or metropolitan communities, but even so, 35 percent of the population of that community is unchurched, and that translates into 150 people, mostly adults.

The role of the minister in the evangelism effort was deliberately held to a minimum. The evangelism calling committee would notify the minister of any identified pastoral care needs, but it was clearly understood it was not the minister's task to invite people to join the church. The minister was called in for evangelism purposes only when prospective members had questions about the official beliefs or government of the church which

the calling committee could not answer.

The minister's main role was to schedule special worship services both in the church and in the community which would attract unchurched people. During the worship, members of the congregation took it upon themselves to become acquainted with visitors and in a special part of the service to introduce visitors to the rest of the congregation. Opportunity was made available for other members to greet visitors during the passing of the peace following the assurance of pardon.

Monthly a special service was held to attract visitors.

On Mother's Day, the members of the youth group each spoke of his or her mother, and worship attendance more than doubled the previous Mother's Day service.

The Vacation Bible School program was held during worship, and attendance exceeded even the bloated Easter attendance.

A special recognition service for school personnel was scheduled, bringing in administrators, teachers, janitors and cooks, plus parents interested in this opportunity to become acquainted with new teachers. An outdoor picnic followed the worship service.

One teacher visiting the church after watching the exchanges among members during the passing of the peace asked a friend afterward, "Are they always so loving?" The fact is, many members initially opposed and resisted the passing of the peace when it was first introduced. Today it is a favorite part of the service.

The church expects growth and announces that expectation in every worship bulletin in the worship section of the bulletin. Immediately below a section of the bulletin entitled "introduction of guests and visitors," always an entry is made inviting people to join the church and providing brief information on how to do so. That achieves two purposes. The

obvious purpose is to invite people to join the church. The less obvious reason is to keep those who are members reminded of their own expectation that the church will grow. Many congregations say they want to increase membership, but then exhibit attitudes and cliques which prevent any possibility for growth. Congregations only grow when the current membership both wants growth, then works to make growth happen.

Today the First Presbyterian Church of Otis, Colorado, is the fastest growing church in its presbytery although three of the presbytery's churches are located in the seventh fastest growing community in the nation. It may be the fastest growing church in its denomination, one more noted of recent years for its loss, not its increase, of membership.

The church's session in developing the evangelism program established a six-year plan to achieve self-support, weaning itself from continued dependence for financial assistance from its presbytery.

The operating premise of the stewardship education program has been that members will financially support their church when 1) they are made aware of the financial needs, 2) they perceive themselves as valued members of the congregation, 3) they realize they will receive pastoral care from the congregation, and 4) they are challenged to be obedient to Christ.

Six months into the evangelism program, with the major evangelism thrust scheduled for the fall, the church is already eighteen months ahead of its own schedule for self-support.

It is doing it in an area where churches are supposed to die, not grow.

It is doing it because lay members want growth and are working to make growth happen.

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Then I realized God could speak to me through . . .

DIVINE INTERRUPTIONS

by Bill Kliever

It doesn't happen suddenly, like a tire blowing out. It's more like a slow leak. But one day you wake up and discover that something is gone. You're flat. You don't have the fervor and the energy and the desire you once had for the work of the Kingdom.

It happened to me not long ago. I had let my daily time of fellowship with the Lord dwindle, and I began to miss a day here and there. So I went off alone one day to read the Word of God and to listen to the voice of God and to renew my relationship with Him. And that day, through a story I'd read many times before, God spoke something special to me.

In Luke 8, I read the story of Jairus, a leader in the synagogue who came to Jesus, asking the Lord to heal his daughter who was dying. Jesus had been working hard—preaching, teaching, healing. He wanted a break. He just wanted to get away for a few hours and pray. But He knew that if He were to walk down the road, crowds would gather, pushing and shoving to get close to Him.

So when Jairus came and threw himself at Jesus' feet, I suppose Jesus had to make a tough decision about His management of time and resources.

Fortunately for Jairus, Jesus, though weary, had not lost sight of His mission. He knew why He had come. He could have told Jairus to see one of His assistants. Or set up a time to talk about it later. Or found a way to handle it without going out of His way. No! Jesus knew that He had to walk and talk with Jairus that day.

My mission, as I believe God has pointed it out to me, is to help those around me become everything God wants them to

become. I believe God wants me to pour myself into others to see them grow in the same way Jesus grew, to be all God wants them to be.

But I had drifted. I'd slipped into thinking more and more about my own needs and ambitions.

The Jairus story also reminded me that Jesus had another problem similar to mine. He had to deal with interruptions.

How can we keep our eye on our mission with so many interruptions? Jesus had an answer for that. As He pushed His way through the throng that day, a woman reached out and touched Him—and He felt the power flow out of Him. One more interruption as He tried to do His job? No! He saw the interruption as being from the Father. He saw it as a part of His mission.

Christian leaders everywhere face this tension between being

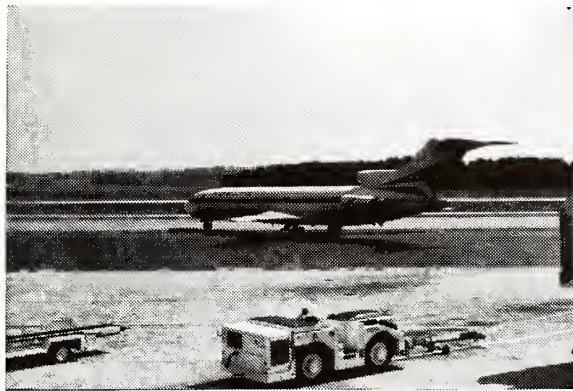
driven by circumstance and being moved by God. Gordon MacDonald talks about this in his book, *Ordering Your Private World*. He points out that if we get upset when people cross our path and slow us down, we are probably driven by our own ambitions, not by what God calls us to accomplish for Him. We must learn to see interruptions, as Jesus did, as being divinely-created opportunities to fulfill our calling.

As I read that story again, I noticed that when a woman in the crowd reached out and touched Jesus, tired as He was, He had power to spare. Richard Foster, in his book *Celebration of Discipline*, calls it "the discipline of doing what we don't feel like doing." It is also the secret of a powerful Christian life in which we can truly fulfill the mission He has given us.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



CO-LABORERS DEPART FOR PHILIPPINES ON SEPTEMBER 30

by Harold Jones

In the early part of this year by faith we set September 30 as the date for the Grubbs family to leave for the Philippines. Keeping this date depended on two things happening—faithful prayer partners and monthly financial support.

Paul, Teresa, Matthew and Nathaniel began deputation in April and from the very beginning

we saw the faithfulness of the Lord. Both of these needs were met about one month before the date set for their departure. There were other requirements and paper work that had to be done, but prayer partners and financial support were the most important.

With the faithfulness of God in mind and with the mixed emotions of joy and sadness,

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(Top left) Paul talks with the Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions Board director; (top right) part of the Grubbs family; (bottom left) well wishers talk with Pio and Roger; (bottom right) Paul and Teresa.

approximately fifty people, friends and family members of the Grubbs family, gathered at the Raleigh-Durham Airport to see them off. Now that they are gone, we must remember that our faithfulness in prayer and financial support will be a constant source of strength and encouragement to them.



The Grubbs family left on their journey to the Philippines about 1:30 p.m., but there was still another departure for the same day. The Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church in the Philippines, and the Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible College, who had been visiting in our churches and

(Top left) Paul and Teresa finalize their checkin; (top right) Pio; (bottom left) Roger; (bottom right) the Philippines bound Grubbs family.

attended the State Convention, were waiting for their departure for the Philippines later in the afternoon at 5:05.

God bless all of you with the joy of sending forth laborers.

THE SUM OF EVANGELIZATION

2 PETER 3:6-10

The following sermon was delivered by the Rev. Roger Malinao at the 1986 Missions Rally, held in conjunction with the annual State Convention.

by the Rev. Roger Malinao

May I lay out the missionary concept centered to Christ as the biblical framework of mission? Christianity is Christcentric. Christ, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, form its object of faith and worship. Since Christ provides the supreme example and pattern of conduct, service, attitude and direction for our life, a study of His life is illuminating and inspiring.

We concern ourselves with relation to the world and to worldwide

mission. What was Christ's attitude toward non-Jewish people? Was Christ nationalist, particularist, or provincialist, or was He a universalist? Was He an internationalist with a world mission? Were the benefits of His life and death designed for one people? or was His ministry directed toward the nations of the world? Was Jesus in the days of His flesh conscious of His social significance and of a universal mission?

Since the coming of Protestant missionaries to the Philippines in early 1900, the gospel has been consistently preached through every *conceivable* means. Local as well as foreign evangelists continue to share the good news of salvation with sincerity and urgency.

The laity have joined the clergy in this great endeavor. Individuals and families have put their trust in Christ as their Saviour and Lord. Churches have been established and keep multiplying. For all of these we praise God. However, we seem to fall short on one very important aspect of gospel proclamation. Although we preach everywhere in villages, cities, towns and even homes aside from our church pulpits, we lack *commitment* for the total evangelization for the entire nation. A casual look at the location of our churches and outreach missions in the Philippines will show many places having no tangible Christian witness. Therefore, we praise God, because the Grubbs family answered the calling of God which is in Heaven. We the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines members give praise and thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour. The Grubbs family was called by God, not by man, to fulfill their part in this evangelization.

Looking at the greater Metro Manila region and its nearby towns where more than 10 million people from a wide diversity of socio-economic, and religious backgrounds live, we are reminded of the vast number of unreached peoples in the rest of our nation.



THE TASK BEFORE US REQUIRES TOTAL EVANGELIZATION

Why? Some entertain the idea that the Philippines have already been reached or evangelized as evidenced by the presence of indigenous national churches. Perhaps it would be more correct to state that although national churches have been established and many of them are maintaining steady growth, yet vast numbers of the Filipinos remain Christian only in name. Most of our people are *religious*, but *lost*—lost from the fellowship of God and lost in their sins.

In general, churches, including the F.W.B., are experiencing unprecedented growth; during the last decade evangelical churches in the Philippines grew in membership as well as in the number of churches by over 100%. We have the capacity to maintain this rate every five years. About 35 denominations have a combined number of churches of over 10,000 today; the estimated number of local churches is from 14,000 to 16,000 with about 2 to 2.5 million evangelical Christians. But that is just a drop in the bucket.

To visualize further the task before us, let me show you the population ratio per church in each region: Bicol 16,324, Eastern Visayas 10,073, central Luzon 10,745, Central Visayas 11,616, western Mindanao 8,104, western Visayas 4,666, southern Tagalog (including Palawan) 7,345, National Capital region 5,402, Cagayan Valley 4,674, central Mindanao 4,393, northern Mindanao 4,168, and southern Mindanao 4,096.

The church population ratio per province will also help clarify vastness of our task. Eighteen provinces, including the National Capital region, have one church per every 5,000 to 10,000 people. Sixteen provinces have one church for every 10,000 to 20,000

people. Nine provinces have one church for every 20-50,000 people.

STRATEGY TO THE TASK—WHY THE TASK OF EVANGELISM NEEDS STRATEGY

2 Peter 3:8-9: "The harvest truly is plenteous." The task remains vast and great. But we must not lose heart for the Lord of the harvest is at work and we will prevail with Him. I believe that the strategy has been implemented for many many years, but we need to have a brand new strategy or new vision to see our world totally evangelized for "without vision the people perish."

We must clearly see what God wants to do. What is God's desire for the more than 52 million Filipinos and for the more than 6.5 billion people of the whole world? I believe that He wants every *Filipino*, every human being to trust Christ as His Saviour for "He is not willing that anyone should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). Moreover, He wants His church (the Original Free Will Baptist church) deeply-rooted in the soils and cultures of the Philippines, India, Mexico, and Nigeria.

It has been said that the Spaniards came to the Philippines and Hispanicized us, while the Americans came and denominationalized us. Christ Jesus came on earth to Christianize and to save us.

It's time to change our method, strategy, our *old vision*, to a new vision in evangelizing the people. Let us accept this responsibility. When I say old vision I mean the Bible history of God's people, the Chosen People. Israel excluded the other nations from salvation and the promises of God. In Europe, Christians built their own church and empire and forgot the lost of the world. A fruitless church will never be acknowledged by the saving Lord.

STRATEGIES

What are the strategies: How do we do it?

- 1) Training in evangelism and discipleship for every Christian. Sources of training: the Palawan Bible College, Theological Education by Extension, Christian worker's seminars, Evangelism Explosion.
- 2) Cooperative evangelism. The field is so wide; the task so great, the enemy so potent, we can't do it singly. We need to work together.
- 3) Prayer concerts: Through prayer we not only move the hands of God, we also express our total dependence upon the Holy Spirit. I quote the Rev. Harold Jones: "Prayer is the keystone for victory."

Man is going to be lost when he dies. The Scripture plainly teaches, "He that believes not is separated from God. He is without hope apart from Christ and unless we do something to bring the gospel, many people will remain lost because of indifference. Some of our predecessors have said, "I feel that I cannot go on living unless I do something for China" (Hudson Taylor). "Give me Scotland or I die" (John Knox). "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (the Apostle Paul).

What is our statement?

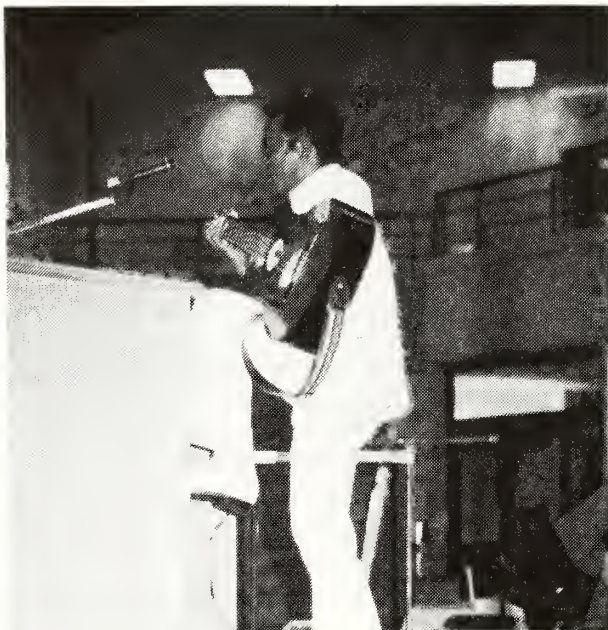
CONCLUSION

The challenge comes to us during *this critical history of our nation*. The Philippines are beset by enormous problems. What are we doing? The Lord has given us a mandate to make disciples of all people. May we be faithful to the trust!

2 Peter 3:10: "*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*"

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

by the Rev. Lodgerio (Roger) E. Malinao



I was raised by my parents a devout Catholic and so I grew up under Catholic instruction. There were many times or occasions in which I helped in the activities of the church. In fact, I even served as a sacristan (acolyte). From there I was able to teach in the Catholic school (high school department) for several years until such time as I became involved in a Catholic Reformation of Farmers' Poverty. I found myself becoming worse and had no victorious life, which I could not comprehend. However, to some extent I then realized that I had committed wrong under the laws which lessened my self-respect.

I guess I was getting tired of my life, so I agreed to a transfer to a place at Palawan, a two-week journey away from my permanent residence. In Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Radio Station DYPR needed a radio announcer for their programs. I applied and became an announcer or "disc jockey" for several years.

One day, while we were busy working in the radio station, a Free Will Baptist pastor and missionary told us that if we wished, starting the next day we could

have Bible study at home from 7 to 8 p.m. With Bible study, for the first time in my life I had my own copy of the Bible. We studied the plan of salvation. I had always thought that by kneeling in the Catholic Church and praying for Mary I could be saved from sin and death.

After the plan of salvation presentation I came to realize I was a sinner and received Jesus

Christ as my personal Saviour. My life was transformed from then on. I remember it was September 24, 1979; when I got home I told my wife, "I am now a new creation." She told me, "You're drunk again." I answered, "No, your old husband Roger is dead. I now have a new life." Then she answered me, "You are not only drunk, but you have lost your mind."

My wife couldn't understand what had happened to me. But my life had changed and the truth of the matter is, my wife received Jesus Christ; and by December 2, 1979, at 2:00 p.m., we were both baptized by the Free Will Baptist pastor.

Then I had decided to serve the Lord, to be bond slave for the Master's use. I enrolled in Palawan Bible Institute full time and graduated in the first class. My wife and I are "Lietourgos," that means servant full-time of the Lord Jesus Christ under the Original Free Will Baptist Church Philippines.

I praise the Lord for the vessels that move from His place to the other side of world.



The Rev. Roger Malinao, president of Palawan Bible Institute; the Rev. De Eakes, president of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists; and the Rev. Pio dela Rosa, president of the Philippine Free Will Baptist Convention await Roger and Pio's flight home (photo by Cliff Gray).

WESTERN CONFERENCE HAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

by F. B. Cherry, Moderator

The Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina celebrated one hundred years of service to its member churches in its annual meeting at Saint Mary's Church, Wilson County, on October 16.

From the time the General Conference was revived in 1842 until 1855, there was only one conference of Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. On November 1, 1855, the Cape Fear was organized at Stony Run Church, Cumberland County. Then in 1895 when the General Conference met at Gum Swamp Church in Pitt County, a motion was made to organize the conference into two bodies: the first to be known as the Central Conference and the second as the Eastern Conference. This in effect made the Central Conference the original conference of North Carolina, and this conference numbers its annual minutes in this manner today.

The next conference to come into existence in North Carolina was the Pee Dee. The only information that we have been able to find regarding this conference is given in *Harrison and Barfield's History*, which states that it was organized in 1869, and that it lies along the South Carolina line with some of the churches being in that state.

In regular session of the Central Conference held at Black Jack Church, Pitt County, in 1886, a motion was made to divide the conference to make two bodies. Although it was not explicitly stated, it seems that there was general agreement that the western division would be called

the Western Conference and the eastern portion would continue to be the Central Conference.

The Piedmont Conference came from the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina. When this conference met at Ryne Street Church in 1943, 13 churches which were located in North Carolina asked for letters of dismission, and the following year (1944) they met at Goshen Grove Church, North Belmont, North Carolina, and organized the Piedmont Conference.

In accordance with an agreement that had been made with the Central Conference in 1944, a group of 17 churches met at Sound Side Church, Tyrrell County to organize the Albemarle Conference. Thus the picture of the Conferences of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina emerged.

The report of the credentials committee shows that in 1985, thirty-five churches represented at the annual session of the Western Conference. These churches were composed of a total of 5,873 members. Thus it may be seen that the Western Conference is still alive and serving its member churches at the end of one hundred years.

The program for the annual session at Saint Mary's Church included words of greeting from all the former moderators who are still living: the Revs. James A. Evans, James Joyner, Dewey Boling, Fred Rivenbark, and Clyde Cox. The morning part of the program was taken up with the centennial celebration and the afternoon with the business of the Conference and denominational reports.



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November is Children's Home Month.



NOVEMBER – CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH

November is one of the months set aside by the State Convention that we give special recognition to the child care ministry of the Free Will Baptists. November 16 is Children's Home Day in our denomination. We ask our churches and friends to remember our child care ministry each and every day, but November is a special time that we can set aside and lift up to our Lord in a special way the needs of our ministry. Since our beginning in 1920 our goal has not changed—it is still to provide "a Christian home for boys and girls." It is our privilege as we render service to children to see them grow, develop and mature in all aspects of their lives.

We want to take this time to offer a special thank you for your active part in sharing and touching the lives of children outside of your immediate family. So, on behalf of the children and staff, we offer to you a special invitation, at your convenience, for you to visit your child care ministry.

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW



Mr. Roney Bunn

September began with a phone call from The Woodmen of the World Lodge #1087 in Elm City, NC. They were discussing their matching gift project for this year and wanted to know of the Children's Home's special needs.

God moves in mysterious ways. We had been discussing a project to place before our churches. This project was our need to replace three washers and dryers. The washer and dryer in Rodgers Cottage needed to be replaced *now* as it was damaging the children's clothes.

We shared this immediate need with the Woodmen. In less than two weeks, Mr. Roney Bunn, one of the Woodmen's lodge officers, arrived on campus with a new washer and dryer for Rodgers Cottage. To all our friends of the Woodmen of the World Lodge #1087 we say, "Thank you," and our children in Rodgers Cottage offer to you a very special *Thanks*.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

On Friday, September 26, seventeen jr. high school students from Pleasant Grove Church, near Pikeville, came to the Children's Home for a weekend retreat. They spent Friday and Saturday nights in the Recreation Center.

CHILDREN'S HOME

THE SUNSHINE SPECIAL

The weekend began with watching a video movie, playing games and a short devotion on Friday evening. Saturday morning brought a softball game, after which the young people watched a film on drugs entitled "Drug Knot." The group then broke up into small groups of threes to discuss the film and questions that the young people had written earlier on drugs, alcohol, dating and other problems that they face. Games were played during the afternoon, while each child worked on his special project to be presented to the church at a later date.

The evening was best of all—a campfire service, communion, lighting of candles and testimonies. The presence of the Lord was felt by all. A short Sunday School lesson on Sunday morning closed out the weekend.

The weekend was enjoyed by everyone. If you and your group would like to use our facilities, contact Mrs. Helen Keevert, director of Child Care, at 235-2161.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU



On October 1, Mr. Taylor attended the Western District Auxiliary Convention at Stancil's Chapel Church, on Highway 42, near Kenly. During the Auxiliary Convention, the auxiliaries from the District showered the Children's Home with a linen shower. After returning to campus the linens were unloaded and the children from State Cottage came over to join in saying, "Thank you!"

Also, a special thank you goes to Mr. Cliff Gray and the Revs. Harold Jones, James Joyner, Roy Clifton, and De Wayne Eakes for helping to load the linens.



Betty Jo and Roland Grady Jr., Frances Godwin, Carolyn and Lyman Bogue, Annie Belle and Harold Williamson, Geraldine and Horace Stoth, Sue and Henry Newcomb, Doris and Sky Shepard; Dawn, Barry and Marshall Lamm; Linwood and Polly Blackburn, and Romie Turner.

The Wilson Exchange Club members paid their annual visit to the Children's Home the evening of September 18, bringing with them their own portable concession stand filled with hot dogs, drinks, ice-cream bars and candy. The Exchange members and children enjoyed fellowshiping together while they ate and played on the grounds. One of the biggest delights of the evening was when the balloons were distributed. The little ones enjoyed this event but the teenagers seemed to have the most fun making the balloons into strange, colorful creatures and comparing their art work with friends. At the close of the evening the children thanked the members. They later told the staff that the Sunshine Special visit was one of their favorite evenings.

Since its inception over 70 years ago the Exchange Club has touched the lives of thousands of children and adults. It is the only national organization operated exclusively in America.

Child Abuse prevention has been the club's major concern on a national level. North Carolina hosts a Child Abuse Prevention Center in Winston Salem, with other centers planned for Kinston and the Triangle area. Crime prevention follows close behind child abuse as a major concern for Exchange members. There is the first civic club in the country to emphasize crime prevention.

New members are always welcome. If interested you may contact Mr. Phil Winstead in Wilson, NC; phone 237-4571.

CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP

Christmas time is fast approaching us all. The season brings along with it the fun of the "hustle and bustle" of shopping, parties, caroling and sharing with others. We too are preparing for this busy time of year. If you or a group in your church would like to help in our preparations by sponsoring a child for Christmas you may do so by sending your contribution marked Christmas Sponsorship (full sponsorship is \$100). We need to receive Christmas Sponsorships by December first so we may begin our shopping. Thank you for your continued love and support.

HOW AN ASCETIC FOUND HIS LORD

by Dr. E. M. Lall



I always keep on watching for the time to proclaim the Word of God, whether I am traveling, visiting the sick, at an office, or walking on the street or market. I met one staunch Hindu ascetic who came out from a big group of ascetics near the river Ganges, called Kachla, which is a rendezvous of such people and I had a long discussion with him. From the conversation I had with him I became sure that he was the most confused person on earth. He explained to me that he had left his home when he was 16 years old in the quest of attaining a deep spiritual life which he had not received as yet in spite of various acts performed by him on the directions of his superiors. He had left the rendezvous of the ascetics, having been greatly frustrated and totally confused.

He was guaranteed that real spiritual life and salvation are available through none else than

the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Saviour of all mankind. Having been satisfied and hopeful he laid paries of questions to me and was real interested in the knowledge of our Lord.

He has been entrusted to the Rev. Puttan Masih, of our First Free Will Baptist Church at Dhaunra, for necessary guidance to him. He is attending Dhaunra Church regularly. When we feel that he has acquired sufficient knowledge of the Word of God and that his conversion is by heart, he will be baptized.

He told me that there are many people like him in that rendezvous who need to know about the Lord Jesus Christ being the only Saviour of mankind. He had requested me to accompany him to those people with whom he has spent the major part of his life. We seek your prayers and support as we strive to win the lost souls in our country.



GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

by Kim Baker

A month or so before school was out, I started praying that the Lord would give me a job this summer, preferably in a hospital. The Lord answered my prayers. When I went to Palawan for the summer, my dad went over to Palawan Medical Clinic to ask them if I could go there and observe this summer. The doctor said they would be very glad to have me go there.

I started the third week of May and worked until the end of June. I wanted to work there as a volunteer because I'm interested in going into nursing. Just observing them was enough for me, but they wanted me to practice. They were willing to teach me anything I was willing to learn.

During the day, I helped with the work at the nurses' station and with the intern who was there for the month. I also went on the doctors' rounds every morning. I learned to do things like making the beds, taking blood pressures and temperatures, giving shots, taking blood samples, writing orders for lab work or x-rays, and other small things. They tried to get me to insert an IV, but I didn't have enough courage. Also I could watch any operation they had. I watched three or four operations and never got sick.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Only one patient died while I worked there. A little baby boy only 22 days old died of bronchial pneumonia. I felt sorry for his parents because their first child died and they had a big hospital bill to pay. Another experience was watching ten people hold a little boy down just to get his finger pricked.

The doctors, nurses, and staff were all really nice. I came to know some of them really well. I am thankful for the opportunity I had to work at the hospital.

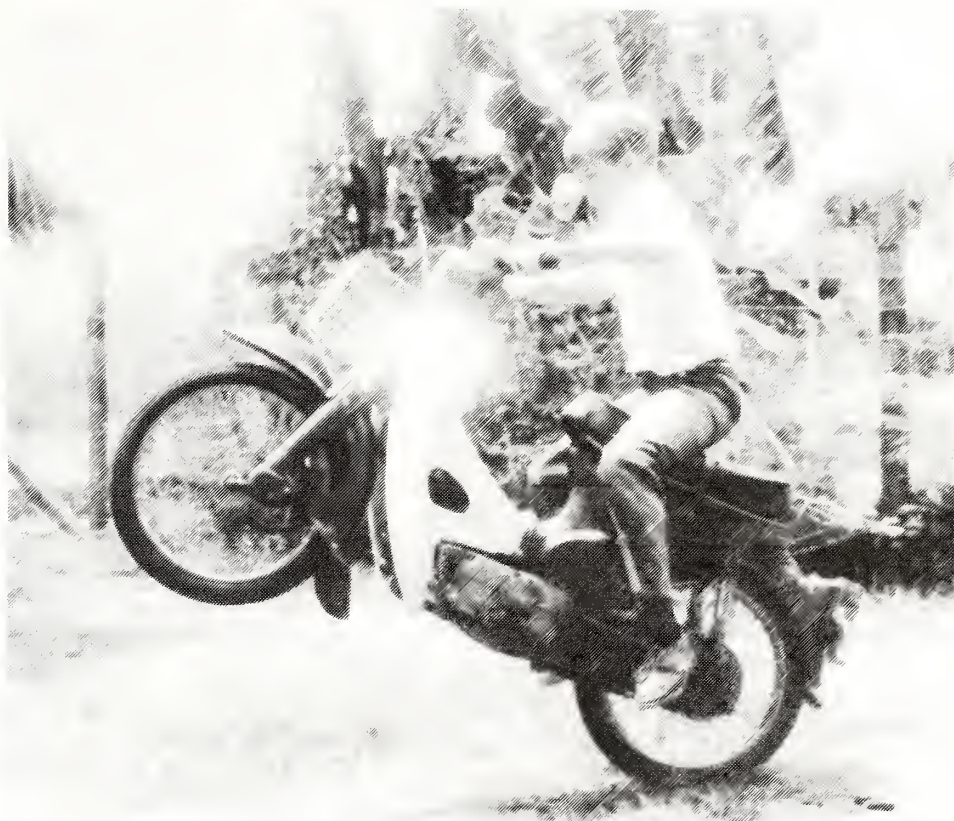
Thank you for your prayers.

BHAGWAN DAS REGAINS HEALTH



Bhagwan Das

This boy has been in our school at Galpura since 1982. He was severely sick, with his skin cracking from his head to his toes. Out of Christian compassion, this boy remained under treatment for about two years. He has got over his problem to a great extent. However, his parents told us that he is tired of taking medicines for such a long time and has discontinued for a few months. It may be that he will come on medications when the winter starts. He needs your prayers.



MY SUMMER VACATION

by Stephen Baker

For the past few years I've been having tonsillitis quite a lot. When I came home for the summer, we asked the doctor if I could have my tonsils removed. He consented. We could not have it done in Palawan because he didn't have an anesthesiologist. We went to Manila to get it done.

My dad and I checked into the hospital on a Saturday morning and I had my operation about one o'clock that afternoon. The nurses did all the usual things. When they learned I spoke Tagalog, they started speaking to me in Tagalog. Something funny happened in the operating room. The doctor didn't know I spoke Tagalog. When the anesthesiologist was giving me anesthesia, I heard him tell her I was taking a long time to go. I thought that was funny.

I got along fine until the time started to pass and then I wanted to go home. The doctor was supposed to come to see us on Sunday, so we could go home. He didn't come. Monday morning Dad called him and he said we could go home. The hospital went on strike Monday, so we had to walk through the strikers. They were having a good time.

When we flew back to Palawan, I was happy. I could finally resume my regular activities like riding the motorcycle, painting the house, and playing basketball with my friends. Since my operation, I have not had tonsillitis. Praise the Lord! I've had an enjoyable summer; being outside is a joy. People who can do that should pray for others who can't. Please pray for me as I pray for you.

Thanks for your prayers.



Honored at Bridge Builder Luncheon—The Rev. and Mrs. Alan Lamm of Smithfield, left, and Pam Wood of Four Oaks, right, hold the plaques they received honoring them as Bridge Builders at Mount Olive College. They are among 465 Bridge Builders who contributed \$72,648 at the 1985 dinners. Bridge Builders are Free Will Baptists who contribute amounts ranging from \$100 to \$1000 or more at one of 17 annual MOC gift support dinners. Lamm is pastor of First Church, Smithfield. Mrs. Laura Lamm serves as associate director of admissions at Mount Olive. Miss Wood, MOC's assistant librarian, is a member of Roberts Grove Church near Dunn. Two hundred forty people attended the Bridge Builder luncheon which was held in September in College Hall (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

REMAINING COLLEGE DINNERS FOR 1986

Seven College dinners remain in this year's schedule, and Free Will Baptists, alumni and all friends of Mount Olive College are invited to attend the dinner in their area.

"I have been pleased with the attendance this year," says Jean F. Ackiss, "and we anticipate a good turnout at the remaining dinners." Mrs. Ackiss is director of the 17 annual gift support dinners.

Johnston-Wake Counties, Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., Everett Chapel FWB Church (Spiritual Life Building), Clayton, Donald Coates and K. Alan Lamm, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$30,650.

Carteret County, Saturday, November 8, 6:00 p.m. East Carteret School, Beaufort, Reginald Styron, Chairman. Goal: \$9,730.

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Pasquotank Counties, Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Union School, Roper, David Cahoon, Chairman. Goal: \$6,580.

Craven County, Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., West

Craven Middle School near New Bern, Miss Marice DeBruhl, Chairman. Goal: \$13,550.

Wilson County, Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., Beddingfield High School near Wilson, James B. Hunt, Chairman. Goal: \$23,550.

Pitt County, Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., D. H. Conley High School, near Winterville, Mrs. Dorothy D. Dail and Tim Tyndall, Co-Chairmen. Goal: \$22,100.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 20, 7:00 p.m., Clinton-Sampson Agri-Civic Center, Clinton, C. Felton Godwin, Chairman. Goal: \$10,320.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR "MESSIAH"

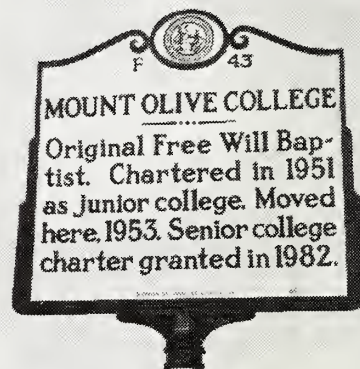
The Department of Music of Mount Olive College will present two performances of Handel's "Messiah" again this Christmas. Under the direction of Carolyn M. Knox, the College chorus will be assisted by volunteers from Mount Olive and the surrounding area.

"Messiah"

December 9—(Tuesday) at 8:00 p.m.

December 14—(Sunday) at 4:00 p.m.

Both presentations will be held at the First Baptist Church of Mount Olive and will be accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra of the North Carolina Symphony. All friends of the College are invited. There will be no admission charge or offering.



New Historical Marker for MOC—Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, left; the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, incoming president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, center; and the Rev. Gary Bailey, outgoing president of the Convention, stand before the new Historical Marker for Mount Olive College. Thousands of travelers who pass by the College each day can see the brand new historical marker. The marker, erected recently by the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, updates Mount Olive's status as a senior college (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE TRUSTEES ELECTED

Six trustees were elected at the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Their terms become effective December 1. The Board of Trustees is the official governing body of Mount Olive College.

Edna M. Scarborough of Mount Olive, L. Marvin Edwards of Wilson, and Dr. Eugene M. Sumner of Raleigh were re-elected to the board; and Lloyd Jones Jr. of Roper, Reginald Styron of Davis, and C. Darryl Horne of Goldsboro are newly elected trustees.

Re-elected Trustees

Mrs. Scarborough, who joined the board in 1982 to complete the term of her late husband, Ray W. Scarborough, is a member of the Student Affairs Committee.

Edwards serves as vice chairman of the Board and chairman of the Business Affairs Committee.

He has been a trustee since 1974.

Sumner has been on the board since 1980 and serves as chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Newly elected Trustees

Jones is a member of Mount Zion Church, Albemarle Conference. He was elected to complete the term of R. Clayton Everett of Charlotte who resigned to begin duties as Mount Olive's vice president and treasurer.

Styron is a member of Davis Church, Eastern Conference.

C. Darryl Horne, an MOC alumnus, is a member of Stoney Creek Church, Western Conference.

Honorary Member

Nathan H. Garner of Newport was named an Honorary Trustee, only the second person in the history of Mount Olive College to be so honored. Garner, vice president of First Citizens Bank of Newport, has served on the College board for 18 years.



Evangelism Week at Mount Olive College—Dr. Jim Ponder MOC Evangelism Week speaker, left, talks with the Rev. Jimmy Whitfield. The pastor of Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro, Whitfield joined with area ministers in an all-day evangelism program held at the college. In the background are the Rev. Doug Skinner, pastor of Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church; the Rev. Ed Miles, pastor of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church; Dan Jordan, Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Mission; and Aubrey Williamson, pastor of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County. The successful week of events began with a Community Crusade in College Hall. During his visit Ponder met with students in the dorms and conducted three worship services in Rodgers Chapel, focusing on the theme, "The Challenge of Christian Discipleship." At the final service 50 students responded to a rededication and commitment to Christian service.



The Grubbs family is commissioned as missionaries—Mount Olive College alumni, the Rev. Paul Grubbs, third from left, and his wife, Teresa, were commissioned as missionaries to the Philippines during this year's State Convention Missions Rally, held in College Hall. Pictured with Grubbs, from left, are his mother, Lillian Grubbs of Mount Olive; his son, Nathaniel; Grubbs; his wife, Mrs. Teresa Grubbs, holding son Matthew; Foreign Missions Director Harold Jones of Greenville; Roger Malinao, president of the Palawan Bible College; and the Rev. Pio B. Dela Rosa, president of the Free Will Baptist Church, Philippines. Malinao delivered the message at the Rally. Approximately 1200 ministers, delegates and guests attended the Commissioning Service held in conjunction with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists on the campus of Mount Olive College (photo courtesy Nelson Bland, *Mount Olive Tribune*).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

DEADLINE DRAWS NIGH!

It's December the 1st! All nominations for "Teacher of the Year" must be made by that date. Nominations received after that time will be held for the next year.

The first award will be given at the March 7, 1987, meeting of the Sunday School Convention. Every teacher nominated will receive special recognition.

This is an excellent way to show your appreciation to deserving, hard working teachers. So get those forms filled out and turned in as soon as possible.

For more information, call or write: Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530; 734-8378.

SUPPORT YOUR CONVENTION!

Less than one-third of our churches give any kind of financial support to the Sunday School Convention. Although support is better than it has ever been, we are in need of the support of all our churches. We are not the federal government. We cannot keep spending more than we take in.

Why should this concern you? Why should your church support the Sunday School Convention?

We would not ask for your support if we did not feel that we deserved it, that is, that we offer our churches programs that will help their Sunday Schools. For a number of years the Sunday School Convention seemed to have lost its sense of purpose and was not offering a great deal. But that has changed!

Today we offer you the services of the Field Secretary, an annual convention with meaningful fellowship and classes, workshops on a variety of topics relating to Sunday School work, a training program for officers and teachers, the ministers' and superintendents' banquet, the Teacher of the Year Program, and we have some new programs being developed.

We urge you to make use of these programs and help us continue them. We ask that you set aside \$25 above what you have been giving per quarter; that is, an extra \$100 dollars a year. That's a bargain for the quality of programs we offer your Sunday School!

BROCHURE AVAILABLE

Perhaps you are wondering just what the Sunday School Convention offers that deserves such support. Well, we have just printed a brochure that tells you all about our work. If you would like some copies sent to your church, call the Field Secretary.

"REVIVAL IN PITT COUNTY!"

That's how many persons described the three Sunday School seminars held for Pitt County churches in September. We had a revival in enthusiasm, dedication, and knowledge in regard to the Sunday School. Ninety-four persons from 14 churches were enrolled! It was a tremendous experience! We pray that the revival will spread!

It grew out of the concerns of the pastors in that county for their Sunday Schools. They initiated it. They promoted it. They took part and made it happen.

The seminars concentrated on the purpose of the Sunday School, how Sunday Schools can grow, the importance of having a caring Sunday School, and seeing teaching as a ministry.

You can do this for the churches in your county! Pastors, it's up to you. Get together. Talk and pray about it. Call J. B. Narron, Harry Grubbs, Ray Williamson, and any of the other pastors in Pitt County to learn more about how they planned it. You, too, can have a revival in your county!

COURSE COMPLETED

"The Basic Sunday School Work" course for Sunday School leaders was taught for the first time in September at St. Mary's Church. The following persons participated: Charles Mason, Ralph Casey, Louise Holt, and Laurence Goodwin from St. Mary's; John Mitchell from Bridgeton Church; and Larry Tyndall from Kinston Church.

This particular course is for pastors, superintendents, members of the Sunday School Council and Board of Christian Education, and all persons interested in improving their Sunday School. If you would like to schedule it in your area, call the Field Secretary.

COURSE SCHEDULED

"How to Understand the Bible," a course in our Basic Teacher Training Program, will be taught by the Rev. Donald Coates at Smithfield Church from November 17-20. For more information, call Alan Lamm (934-8700), Donald Coates (934-2727), or the Field Secretary. Each session will be from 7 to 9:15 p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

CERTIFICATE GIVEN

Linda Jenkins, a teacher from Deep Run Church, recently completed the requirements for the Basic Teacher Certificate. The Rev. Adrian Grubbs, who has supported and made many contributions to the work of the Sunday School Convention, is her pastor. The certificate was given to Linda in a recent church service.

We congratulate Linda on this achievement. She is a dedicated and gifted teacher.

Many other persons have completed two or more of the four requirements for this certificate. They are:

Name	Church
Robert Williams Jr.	Trent
David Williams	Piney Grove (Kenly)
Melvin White	Core Point
June White	Core Point
Sam Tyson	Spring Hope
Pluma Sullivan	Stoney Creek
Jewel Styron	Arapahoe
Robert Lee Smith	Smith's New Home
Doris Smith	Deep Run
Virginia Skinner	Arapahoe
Doug Skinner	Arapahoe
Ted Sherrod	Piney Grove (Kenly)
Wayne Sawyer	Core Point
Jeannie Sawyer	Core Point
Jay Sauls	Piney Grove (Kenly)
Blaney Rowe	
Sybil Robinson	Kinston
Peggy Rice	Rock of Zion
Robert Purifoy	Spring Hope
Alice Purifoy	Spring Hope
Carol Prescott	Rock of Zion
Lawrence Paul	Arapahoe
Brenda Parsons	Arapahoe
John Mitchell	Bridgeton
Eleanor Mitchell	Bridgeton
Mrs. James Lucas	Kinston
James Lucas	Kinston
Peggy Lamm	Little Rock
Mary Ellen Lones	Arapahoe
Lenwood Lones	Arapahoe
Grace Jones	Arapahoe
Stanley Jenkins	Kinston
Nettie Jenkins	Kinston
Irene Jenkins	Kinston
Dwight Hawley	
Aileen Hawley	
Madge Van Horn	Sound Side
Ada Hines	Kinston
Milton Harper	Deep Run
Adrian Grubbs	Deep Run
Stokes Goodrich	Arapahoe
Dennis Ford	Little Rock
Lawrence Ford	Arapahoe
Jesse Ferrell	Piney Grove (Kenly)
Clara Elmore	Kinston
Billie Daw	Arapahoe
Jimmy Collins	Spring Hope
Barbara Collier	Arapahoe
Eva Mae Clark	Spring Hope
Adele Cahoon	Rock of Zion
Raymond Bowles	Spring Hope
Allen Blount	Arapahoe
Richard Barkley	Arapahoe
Clara Barkley	Arapahoe
Etta Batchelor	Free Spirit
Sue Arinder	Spring Hope

**We encourage
all of you to finish
those remaining
requirements!**

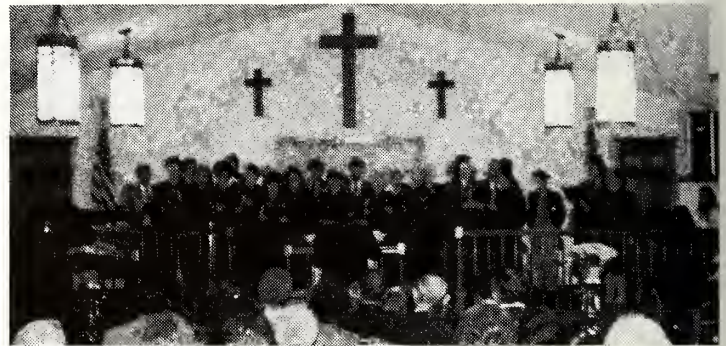
AFTER FIVE YEARS—A CHURCH, AT LAST



The Director of Home Missions, the Rev. David C. Hansley, presents to the pastor, the Rev. Harry Brown, and deacons a framed letter from the Board of Home Missions expressing their appreciation for establishing and building a church within the five-year phase-out program.



The pastor, the Rev. Harry Brown, holds a plaque presented to him from the Home Missions Board—"for Dedication and Commitment in establishing the Horton Road Original Free Will Baptist Church.



The Adult Choir and Children's Choir sing special music for the occasion.

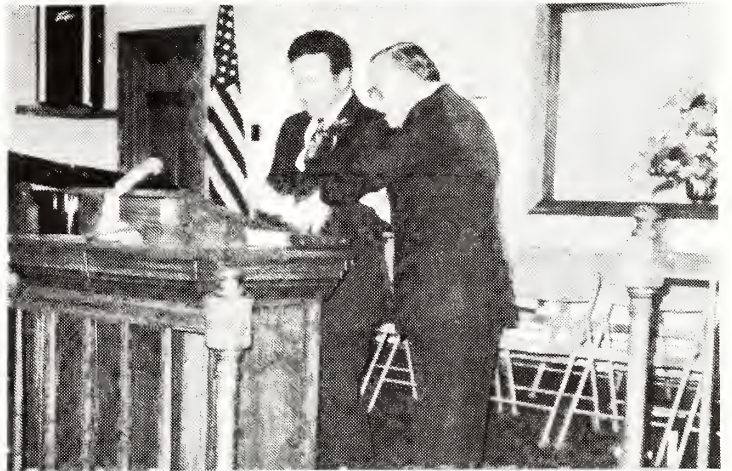
October 5 was an exciting day, for it was on that day that Horton Road Mission of Durham was organized into a self-sustaining church by the Western Conference.

The work was begun in 1981 in a rented school auditorium; and for three years, make-shift conditions were the order of things. After two years of hard work the congregation has a beautiful building that will seat over 200. The spacious lot will be able to facilitate future growth. The Rev. Harry Brown pastors this work.

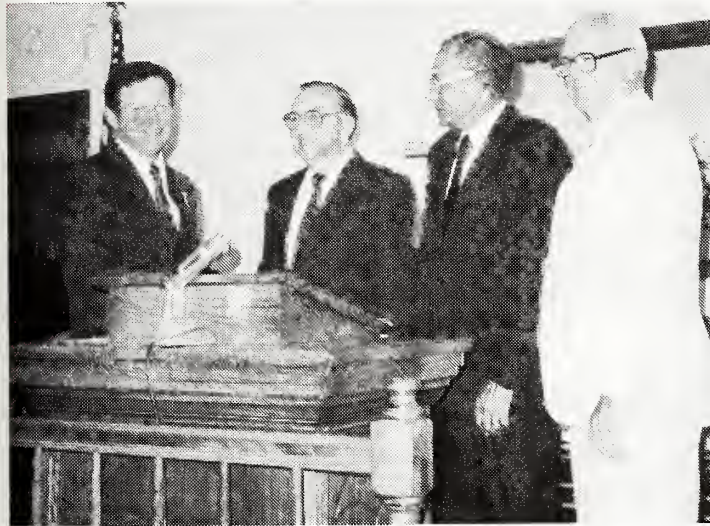
HOME MISSIONS



Representatives of Home Missions Board present were (left to right) the Rev. Dean Kennedy, the Rev. David C. Hansley, Director; the Rev. Mrs. Carlee Stallard, the Rev. Ray Wells, Chairman.



The Moderator of the Western Conference, Dr. Floyd Cherry, presenting the organized Church to the pastor.



The Executive Committee of the Western Conference extend a right hand of fellowship to the pastor. (Left to right) the Rev. Harry Brown, Pastor; Dr. Floyd Cherry, Moderator; the Rev. J. C. Yates, Mr. Johnnie Howell, clerk.



106 Charter Members.



Proud of the building, proud of the church—PROUD of the babies also!



Members of the Church presented to the pastor's family, an appreciation gift.



As evidenced by the picture, it takes a lot of concentration to chop barbecue.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Route 2, Pikeville, had a contest recently to gain new Sunday School members. Two teams were set up with the names "Hope" and "Charity." The losing team, "Hope" sponsored a pig pickin' for the Sunday School on Saturday, September 20.

Activities included water balloon tossing, egg tossing, balloon "shaving," three-legged race, and volleyball.

It was a fun day for all ages.

OAK GROVE CHURCH, Route 1, Vanceboro, will be having revival services November 9-12. The prayer room will open each evening at 7:15, and the services are scheduled to begin at 7:30. The Rev. Kenneth C. Littleton, of Pink Hill, will be the guest evangelist; the Rev. William L. Littleton is pastor.

The pastor and congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

THE FIRST UNION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE will meet with Everett's Chapel Church, Clayton, on Saturday, November 15, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Harold Swinson will be the guest speaker (the Rev. Fred Rivenbark is alternate speaker).

The Rev. James Joyner, clerk, encourages all the churches of the

district to attend with full delegation.

THE THIRD UNION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE will meet at Long Ridge Church, Mount Olive (near Scott's Store), at 9:30 a.m. All laymen and pastors are encouraged to attend this business meeting.

(Ms. Linda Pierce is clerk of the union. Her address is as follows: Route 1, Box 155, Maple Hill, NC 28454.)

THE STATE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION will be held at First Church, Kinston, on November 21. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

All laymen are encouraged to attend.

SPRING BRANCH CHURCH LADIES AUXILIARY, Walstonburg, will have a fall bazaar on Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among the many things to be sold is a quilt which the ladies of the Auxiliary quilted. The Layman's League will be selling hot dogs and sandwiches from 11:30 to 1:30.

The pastor, the Rev. Ed Miles, and the members of Spring Branch Church, invite everyone to join them for a day of fun and fellowship.

THE SECOND UNION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE will convene on Saturday, November 22, at 7 p.m., with People's Chapel Church.

FREE UNION CHURCH, Route 3, Spring Hope, has scheduled a series of revival services for November 2-6. The Rev. James Rogerson, pastor of Stony Hill Church, will be the evangelist. The Rev. Lester Duncan is pastor.

THE GRIFFIN BROTHERHOOD will meet on Friday, November 7, at 7 p.m., at Bill's Barbecue Restaurant in Wilson. The pro-

gram, "The Call to the Ministry in the Free Will Baptist Church," will be presented by Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Religion Department at Mount Olive College. All ministers and laypersons are invited to attend the meeting.

The Griffin Brotherhood was founded to perpetuate the memory of the Rev. J. C. Griffin, who was an outstanding Free Will Baptist pastor and leader until his death on September 8, 1967. The Brotherhood fosters the progress, development and growth of the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Leon Grubbs, pastor of Hull Road Church, Greene County, is president of the group.

CORE CREEK CHURCH, Cove City, has scheduled revival services for November 17-21. The Rev. Norman Ard, pastor of First Church, Goldsboro, will be the guest evangelist. There will be special singing each evening and a nursery will be provided. Services will begin nightly at 7:30.

The pastor, the Rev. Philip Wood, and the church congregation invite all to come and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

SHILOH CHURCH, Pinetown, will have an old-fashioned country bazaar on Saturday, November 15. Doors will open at 10 a.m. Hot meals will be served from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Hundreds of items, including needlework, wood work, furniture, crocheted pieces, Christmas decorations, and much more will be available. A flea market will also be featured, with toys, clothes, farm equipment, antique horse equipment, baked goods, and lots of good junk.

Everyone is invited to come and spend an hour or the whole day!

THE CAPE FEAR UNION MEETING will convene with Victory Church on Saturday, November 30. The scheduled

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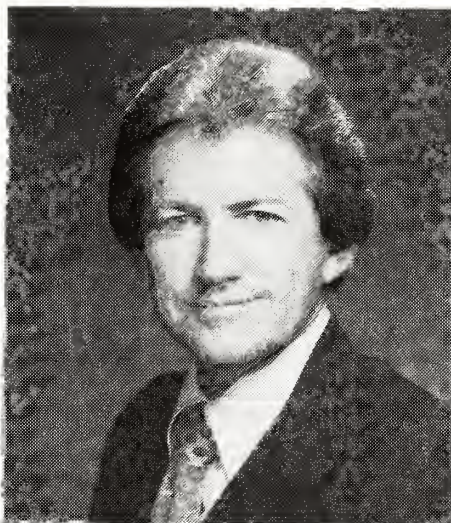
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program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, congregation
 —Devotion, the Rev. Luby Tyner
 —Welcome, Host Church
 —Response, Mr. Peyton Lee
- 10:20—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
 —Recognition of Visitors
 —Reading of Minutes of the Last Union Meeting
 —Appointment of Committees
 —Roll Call of Churches
 —Report of Denominational Enterprises
 —Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Hymn, Congregation
 —Special Music
 —Offering and Offertory Prayer
 —Message, the Rev. Calvin Heath
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
 —Report of Committees
 —Unfinished Business
 —Benediction and Adjournment
 —Lunch and Christian Fellowship

THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE LAYMAN'S LEAGUE has scheduled two singspirations. The first, scheduled for November 1, will be held at Ormondsville Church, located in Ormondsville. Adult singers will be featured during this service. The second singspiration will be held on November 8, at Bethany Church, near Winterville. Youth talent will be highlighted at this service. Both services will begin at 7 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



Dr. Kenneth Moon

WESTSIDE CHURCH, located at 1205 Lynn Drive, Kinston, has scheduled a missions emphasis weekend for November 14-16. Dr. Kenneth E. Moon will be the featured speaker.

Dr. Moon serves as Minister-at-Large for the Greater Europe Mission, an evangelical nondenominational missionary fellowship whose goal is to train Europeans to evangelize greater Europe through Bible institutes, seminaries, and church planting ministries.

Other conference personalities include Bob and Carolyn Branch, missionaries to Liberia; Creig and Sherry Marlowe, appointee missionaries to the Netherlands; Ms. Glenda Chop, missionary appointee to Ireland; and Mrs. Sandra Jones, representing the State Convention Foreign Missions Board.

The Conference will begin on Friday evening at 7:30. Afternoon youth activities are being planned

for Saturday and a special missions banquet will conclude the day's activities. The missions thrust will continue throughout the day on Sunday.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Westside Church, by calling him at (919) 523-1055.

THE 1986 ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE will meet with Black Jack Church on Thursday, November 6. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the Conference will convene at 9:30.

MINISTER AVAILABLE

The Rev. Ralph Aycock announces that he is available for full-time or part-time services. He can be contacted by writing to him at Route 1, Box 38-B, Kenly, NC 27542; or by phoning 284-4254.

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"I WISH I HAD KNOWN"

by Sara Craven

November has been proclaimed Hospice Month by North Carolina Governor James Martin. The hospice movement has grown tremendously since its beginning in North Carolina in 1976. In 1985, 2,745 patients were served.

Churches have been among the primary motivators of establishing hospices. If you would like more information about this valuable program, contact Hospice of North Carolina, Inc., 800 St. Mary's Street—401, Raleigh, NC 27605; phone 1-800-662-8859, (919) 829-9588.

"I wish I had known about hospice when my mother was sick." "I could never have cared for my husband without the help hospice gave me." "It meant everything for her to stay at home."

After a long day and an exhausting week, these are the kinds of comments that affirm the work we have done with dying people and their families. Our efforts to give them nursing, emotional, social and spiritual support have helped them cope with some of the most emotionally and physically draining weeks they have ever experienced.

Most hospice programs in North Carolina are oriented toward caring for people at home, although there are several hospital-based programs. The reality is that death comes to all of us. When the time comes that aggressive treatment—surgery, chemotherapy, radiation—no longer yields positive results, then goals change from *curing* to *caring*.

Most people say they want two things—to be comfortable and to go home. Hospice exists to support patients and families in carrying out these wishes. But anxiety is ever-present: "Will I be able to keep him comfortable?" "Who would I call if I get into trouble?" "Will I be able to handle this emotionally? will he? will the children?" "Where can I get a hospital bed?" "Will I ever have any relief, or does everything depend on me?" Hospice tries to

provide practical and individual answers to these questions.

Working with the patient's own physician and coordinating the services of home health agencies, the American Cancer Society, social services and a myriad of other agencies, the hospice team seeks to fill the gaps in current home-based care. The services that differ from what is readily available are: coordination of services, volunteer support, 24-hour on-call nursing consultation, and bereavement counseling.

In our experience, the availability of an on-call nurse is of great importance to families. They seem uncertain that they heard us correctly: "Do you really mean there is someone we can call at night or on weekends?" Often they have been more afraid, more vulnerable than they have been willing to admit even to themselves. Our volunteer nurses, who have been fully briefed on the situation of each patient and family, are on call during non-office hours and are available for consultation by phone or for a home visit if that is necessary.

Hospice programs train volunteers in the special needs and concerns of dying people and their families. This in-depth training helps them to be able to enter a highly charged emotional atmosphere and to evaluate what needs are not already being met. Families often find it difficult to ask friends for help; a volunteer who is there for specifically that reason is often asked. Volunteers sit with the patient while family members get out to run errands, attend to business, or take a needed break. Or they may go to the grocery store, pick up medicines, or carpool the children to scouts so that the family member can stay with the patient. Volunteers also listen. We find much reticence and protection between patients and family members, between families and friends, among family members

themselves—they don't want to burden each other with their most painful and private feelings. A hospice volunteer may act as a sounding board, a buffer, a referee, as well as a thoughtful listener. Volunteers are an essential part of the patient care team; their relationship to the families provides a perspective that is often different from the professionals'!

Bereavement care is crucial. We may have cared for the patient for several weeks or months, but the period of mourning is longer and often more difficult because of the loneliness and isolation. Sometimes it is a staff member who follows a family member into this period; more often it is the volunteer who has established the closest relationship. We sponsor bereavement groups so that widows, widowers and others can be of help to each other. Bereaved people need others who can listen to them work out their feelings at their own rate and who in quiet ways can show them that there is indeed life ahead of them.

In all of our care the spiritual dimension is present. Even if unspoken, the eternal questions are there: "Why me?" "Why now?" "What is God's plan for me?" Hospice staff and volunteers are sensitive to these issues; we do not promote any particular faith but remain open to each individual's needs, concerns and theology. Most hospices have clergy as consultants to the staff and involved with the training of volunteers. These clerical consultants also serve as liaisons between hospice and individual members of the clergy in the community.

Hospice care is for a unique group of people: those who know that their time together is limited and who are struggling to manage that time in the best possible way. We hope to help them live their lives as fully and richly as possible until the very end.

WHY THE DROUGHT?

Undeniably, we live in a land which has been blessed by God, a land where the "fields are white unto harvest." Why, then, is there no revival?

Yes, there are localized, sporadic stirrings in the Body of Christ, as there have always been. And even though God's alarm clock is going off every hour in the form of earthquakes, floods, famines, droughts, pestilences, wars and rumors of wars, there is no sign of repentance. We are not at the family altar; we are not praying. Yet Sunday after Sunday we continue to sing:

"There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing
Sent from the Saviour above . . .
There shall be showers of blessing,
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys
Sound of abundance of rain."

Where is the revival of which we sing and for which we pray?

Well, let's be honest, many Christians do not expect revival (and many others do not want it). Some have surrendered in a defeated spirit, folded their hands and sit idly by, while millions might yet be saved if God's people stirred themselves to take hold of God. Others do not understand that we are not here to merely hold the fort—we should take the fort, to storm the ramparts of the enemy! If anyone lives on the defensive, it should not be the children of God, for we are the victors. Ours is the victory.

There seems to be no common understanding of the causes and conditions of revival, no agreement as to how it may be brought about. We seem to think that it just happens like a thunderstorm and that we have little to do with antecedent conditions. But even thunderstorms do not just happen, they have causes; and while revival, like all else, is wrapped in the sovereignty of God, He has offered to pour out blessings if we meet certain conditions. Confession of sin, for instance, is required; but we do not like to bite the dust and own up to God, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned." Yet we must before we can pray, "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation." Some repentance is genuine today, but most is not. We need a real repentance, one that gets under the surface of our shallow and superficial piety and cracks up our church faces and smashes our obstinate rebellion.

We must ask ourselves if we want revival because we need revival, or if we want revival to save our face. (Is our only concern our dropping membership total?) Fallow ground must be broken up, even at the cost of humiliation and embarrassment. God will not

send showers of blessing on fallow ground, for that would mean only briars and weeds would spring forth. He will not waste His blessing on ground that has not been prepared, and to prepare the soil of our hearts means that they must be disturbed and broken up. We cannot maintain a smooth exterior, while underneath are roots of bitterness and hidden sins. Yes, there are certain conditions of revival; and when they are met, revival will come. (God has not changed the price of revival, nor has He put any of His blessings on bargain counters at reduced prices.)

Another reason why the showers have been withheld is that there is no unity among God's people; we are not of one accord. This is true in churches and in denominational hierarchies. Church leaders do not want growth because they might lose some of their power—just like they have real power. Is God not supreme? Should not His directions, His leadership, be followed? More often than not everyone seems to be out for himself and the cause of Christ suffers.

The church has also lost the willingness to condemn sin. There is a tendency to paint a lovely picture of Christ and then say, "There He is, now fall in love with Him!" But the natural man cannot love Christ nor feel any need of Him until he faces the fact of sin and his need of a Saviour. Our message should begin where the Bible begins, with God. And until men see themselves as sinners in need of Him, they will not grow sick of sin and forsake it. We do not need people joining the church on empty professions of faith, carrying their sin with them; we need repentant people who have been called to righteous living.

And yet another problem exists: we have lost the note of joy. Yes, feelings are dangerous and not to be unduly emphasized; but man has intelligence, will and emotion; a real experience with God will affect all three. What would love, music, patriotism, all of life's deep interests be worth if they did not stir emotion? Certainly life's greatest experience should stir us as nothing else. While some Christians begin with a fever and end with a chill, and others endure but for a season, we should not discredit the fact that our "joy may be full."

While these thoughts are not earth shaking and many other reasons need to be considered as well, let us "ask of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

"Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy drops 'round us are falling
But for the showers we plead."

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COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

by Henry Alford

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home:

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;

From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;

There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

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—Great Expectations?—

For most of us, Christmas is a collection of fantastic expectations, some of which result in heartbreaking disappointments. Everyone wants a Currier and Ives Christmas, complete with Norman Rockwell family relationships. But for many the holiday season seems to be a continuing serial of "As the World Turns." And when it is all over, when the tree is back in its box, the uneaten cookies have begun to crumble, when the bathroom scales show us to weigh more than we ever have, when the new toys are broken in and sometimes just broken, when the Christmas cards stop straggling in and the carols are no longer being sung at church, we fall exhausted on the couch, still wondering what's wrong. Why wasn't it all like we imagined it was going to be?

Then we tell ourselves how it used to be different. In our minds we think of the days of figgy pudding, handmade gifts, well-behaved children, peace on earth and goodwill for men. We long for Christ's presence in the holidays, for a celebration of nativity that takes precedence over all the peripherals of food, decorations and gifts.

But we have to remember that Christmas is not a cure-all. Only unhappiness and disappointment can come when we expect Christmas to take care of all the problems in the world, in family situations and within our very beings, for seasonal truces can hardly be called Peace on Earth. And no matter how close we want our families to be, it is obvious that



youth can easily be bored with our traditions; Dad is still concerned over money; Mom is still battling a diet problem; Grandmother still hates living in a nursing home; and the young children still want something else! Christmas only serves as a harsh spotlight whose beams illuminate the fractured family and expose its brokenness and pain as few other things can do.

Christmas will not make your home a larger dwelling; it will not transform you into a gracious host or a good cook. The holidays will not change your parenting abilities and give you more patience, if you need it. It will not restore health, improve your self-esteem; pay for itself, or heal a broken marriage.

And probably, Christmas will not bring snow.

Thus, we hope and hope and hope and hope We don't necessarily do anything about it, but we do hope that somehow, someday Christmas will be different. We hope that Christ will settle Himself in our hearts as He did in the manger in Bethlehem; we hope that everything will be as it should be. We hope, we hope, we hope, we hope

The trouble, in large part, is that we don't know what our expectations are. They exist somewhere inside of us, unarticulated, and we become aware of them only after they are not met.

There are two ways to resolve the tension that exists when expectations are at odds with reality. First, we can revise our expectations. In some cases, this is a simple task. Having recognized a discrepancy between what we expect and reality, we could sit down and say, "Now look here, you must quit getting depressed over the fact that it doesn't snow in Farmville at Christmas! Think about it for a minute and you'll see that there is nothing to be gained by moaning over the fact that it won't snow again this year. It would be nice, but it *probably* just won't happen."

Revising expectations is an option that is available to most of us. To start, we should analyze them with a view to discovering how they came to be a part of our fantasies, ferreting out their source.

—How did I get the idea that it was supposed to be like this?

—If I were left to myself, would I come up with this as an expectation?

—If I could have this wish fulfilled, would I be satisfied, or would I just want something different?

Discovering that your unrealistic expectations are the result of a Madison Avenue Christmas advertising blitz, or that you have bought into the super-homemaker image presented in women's magazines,

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QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

WHY DID JESUS COME?

Did He come so we could have a holiday?
Did He come to share His glory with Santa Claus?
Did He come so kids could get lots of toys?
Did He come so the liquor industry could make large year-end profits?
Did He come so retail sales would be good?
Did He come so we could decorate things beautifully?
Did He come so we could exchange gifts with each other?

—OR—

Did He come because the world was lost in sin?
Did He come to give His life a ransom for sin?
Did He come to bring peace and goodwill to earth?
Did He come for all people or just a few?
Did He come to save whosoever will believe?
Did He come to build, equip and send His church to the ends of the earth with the gospel?

What do you think?
Why is what you think important?
Because what you think will determine your response to God's
command to preach the gospel to every person on earth.
What kind of response can you make?

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So you see, what you think and how you respond **NOW** will make a difference? Christmas is Christ giving Himself for a world of lost people. Christians are saved ones who give themselves and their means so others can become Christian.

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2 administrative personnel

All of these people are supported by your faithful contributions to Foreign Missions each month. Please remember them in your prayers as they labor to make Christ known around the world.

REVIVAL AND WORLD OUTREACH

by Harold Jones

Great awakenings spawn great mission efforts around the world. This has been true throughout the history of the church. When, however, the church becomes bogged down in internal affairs and indifference and division sets in, the outreach of the church is stalemated. The vision dims and reaching the lost becomes secondary rather than primary. The church tends to pride itself on physical achievement—buildings, beautification projects, physical comforts, programs for members, fun time and busy work that really do nothing to advance the kingdom of God, but serve to ease the guilt for not really following God's instructions. This is actually the state of the church today. The only hope for change is a confession of our sins, a seeking of the fullness of God, a spiritual awakening where the spiritual overshadows the physical and we get our minds and attention on God's agenda for the church. This will not happen with the snap of a finger or a new program, but only through humble, sincere prayer.

I know God wants to revive the Free Will Baptist Church. I believe that you also desire revival. I plead with you to persevere in prayer. Pray daily, pray without ceasing for a spiritual awakening in the Free Will Baptist Church. Friends, it is our only hope. We cannot settle for a substitute or diversion, there have been too many already. We must have revival. Fervent, soul-searching prayer is the answer. The life of our church and lost souls around the world depend on a renewal in the Free Will Baptist Church.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

A PERSONAL PLEA: Dear Friend, please join me in daily prayer for revival. This is the very longing of my heart for our church. God will send revival if we truly desire it and persevere in prayer.

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ised Him to fulfill their task as required in Christian education.

I thought about the meaning of this step and discovered two possibilities: We can educate these children by words and rules of faith and put them thus on the path of Christian life, or we educate them in the presence and the experience of the living God and the living Word.

One of the children clung to his mother at the moment that the pastor took him from her to pray the dedication prayer. It affirmed my thoughts: "We can educate in perfect systems of faith and still be far away from our Father's goals. We ourselves remain in fear and insecurity; just as the little child needs its mother, all God's children need the Father; we all need that thought of safety." In that thought I am connected to all my brothers and sisters on earth, because I am dedicated to the Father and His family. I declare, I proclaim my family relationship by means of my life and my love.

The wonderful sign of this dedication proves that our Father is working unto this hour. Last year in July those two sisters in Christ started to serve at Manalo and through them we see that the Lord brought His family together at this place. So He blesses the work to give us strength to go on walking with our hand in His hand.

TWO MORE FREE WILL BAPTIST CONGREGATIONS CONSTITUTED

by Dr. E. M. Lall

The Free Will Baptist Church in India is second to none in the country so far as our evangelistic and educational work is concerned. In spite of our limited sources and resources the Lord is blessing us in many ways! We affirm that all this is the result of your prayers and the good leadership of our Board of Foreign Missions. We cannot resist submitting that our Director, the Rev. Harold Jones, bears great burdens and concerns of the foreign missions.

Our native preachers and teachers are Spirit-filled and have a great sense of responsibility to their assignments. Very often we lift up this family of God before His throne of grace! In spite of difficult living conditions, a sense of insecurity, chaos and the daily growing of cost of living, we are still healthy and happy in the hope that our Lord is with us always!

Our constant efforts have succeeded in establishing two Free Will Baptist congregations at Lalkurti and Chaokoni, comprised of 23 and 148 members respectively. It is an entirely new venture in the Kumaon hills about 6000 feet above sea level. This hill station is famous for its cold weather throughout the year with snowfall from December to March and is



Leaders of Cha-okni Church with Dr. Lall. The Rev. I. C. Lal is standing on the left side of Dr. Lall.



CHILD DEDICATION AT MANALO

by Willem Van der Plas

We drove for almost two hours in our 1976 Toyota Corona station wagon over the rough roads to "outreach" Manalo, where Miss Suzan dela Rosa and Miss Analiza Regala are working as student-servants.

They invited us to the child dedication service which was led by Suzan's father, the Rev. Pio dela Rosa. We enjoyed the trip. Though the rainy season had not yet started, nature showed abundant growth. Palawan is beautiful.

At the purok building we met the believers of Manalo. A purok building belongs to the purok members; the towns and cities are divided into baranggays and puroks.

One of the members is playing the guitar before the service and stopped only to shake a brotherly hand with the arriving believers. Over 30 adults attend the Sunday School and worship service, and there are over 20 children in the Sunday School class.

The meeting became a fantastic celebration of the Lord's Day and at the end of the service we met two little children with their parents in front of the congregation, because it was the wish of the parents to dedicate those little children to the Lord. They prom-

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The Cha-okni congregation's place of worship.

also noted for various kinds of fruits.

The Rev. I. C. Lal, who is a theological graduate, leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree, pastors these congregations. His wife, Bina Lal, is a teacher in our Sirauli school. She is also a graduate in religious education.

The elderly people of these congregations are trying to spread our church work in some more places in the hills.

We solicit your prayers that we may yet be more effective in our ministry of God's work.

TWO MORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED

by Dr. E. M. Lall



Fatehpur school children.

We owe our gratitude to God for enabling us to establish two more elementary schools in August 1986 under the banner of our church organization at Fatehpur and Dastumpur in the districts of Budaun and Bareilly respectively.

During our last evangelistic campaign we came to know these remote, isolated places. There are

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Fatehpur school students and teachers.



The rented school building at Fatehpur. The school has been in operation since July, 1986.

no other schools in these villages than these, nor are there any schools near these villages. Our enquiry shows that only 1 or 2% of the people in Fatehpur village have any education, and that the one educated person in Dastumpur village has gone blind. It is pathetic to note that there is none in this village who can read and write letters for the villagers. Therefore, this task is undertaken by the postman on his visits to the village and he charges for this service.

We have an enrollment at Fatehpur of 52 students while there are 82 students in our Dastumpur school. These schools are located entirely among non-Christians, although a very few

Christian people also live there. Our long conversations with the people of these villages reveal that they long for the peace and hope not found in their own religions. Our follow-up program in connection with these schools might turn a majority of these people to the fold of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides, our task of education in these villages will be of immense value and help in the development of these villages. We have found a rented building at Fatehpur but the school at Dastumpur will run in the open air.

This is in compliance of our commitment of doubling the work of our church before the end of the year 1990.

TOUR TO THE PHILIPPINES
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Visit our Free Will Baptist work in the Philippines. You will meet the Baker, van der Plas and Grubbs families, plus all the workers in the Philippines. You will visit Palawan Bible College, the Free Will Baptist churches and mission points. You will be in worship services and also get a feel of outreach ministry. We will tour Manila and on our return trip spend two days in Honolulu, Hawaii. This will be a trip you will never forget. It will broaden your vision for world missions.

Below is a schedule of the tour:

April 2	Leave Raleigh	8:17 A.M.
3	Arrive Manila	9:40 P.M.
4	Leave Manila	12:10 P.M.
	Arrive Puerto Princesa	1:20 P.M.
5-8	Visiting work, Palawan	
9	Leave Puerto Princesa	2:20 P.M.
	Arrive Manila	3:30 P.M.
10	Tour Manila, shopping	
11	Leave Manila	10:25 A.M.
	Arrive Honolulu	8:55 A.M.
12	Tour Honolulu and Pearl Harbor	6:55 A.M.—12:55 P.M.
12	Leave Honolulu	5:35 P.M.
13	Arrive Raleigh	1:03 P.M.

*The cost of the tour per person is \$1,495. This price includes round-trip air fare, hotel (if you stay in a double room—single room higher), transfers, ground transportation, tour of Manila, Honolulu and Pearl Harbor. This does not include food or spending money.

If you desire to go, we need to hear from you by December 15, 1986, and we will need payment by December 27, 1986, in order to avoid a possible price increase January 1. **The maximum number that can be taken on the tour is 50.** Reservations will be made on a first reply basis. So if you want to go, reply quickly.

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THE MINISTRY CONCEPT

by De Wayne Eakes
State Convention President

The "Day of Prayer" attended by leaders of our Denominational Ministries, Conference Leaders, and the State Convention Executive Committee prior to the 1986 State Convention was very unifying, beneficial and uplifting. Some of the discussion and sharing of that meeting dealt with helping our people to see our various programs as "Denominational Ministries" rather than seeing them as institutions and enterprises. We urge all of our people to use the term "ministry" or "ministries" when referring to the various areas of our outreach as a Convention. This is more than a matter of words, it is dealing with the entire concept of ministry and with how we see the mission of the Church.

The idea that each of our "ministries" is a commercial business flooding us with advertising competing to get our support is erroneous and counterproductive to our mission as His Church. In reality each of these ministries offers us the privilege and opportunity to extend the ministries of each local Church world-wide and in many diverse ways.

We need to see ourselves as a vital part of the Ministry of Foreign Missions; Home Missions Ministry; the Ministry of Child Care (CH); Christian Higher Education Ministry (MOC); the Retirement Homes Ministry; Youth and Retreat Ministry (Cragmont); the Ministry of Church Finance, the Ministry of the Ministers' Program; and the Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Press. Each of these areas of ministry are avenues of service beyond the ministry capabilities of each local unit of the Body of Christ.

We are directly involved in this varied, world-wide outreach as we give of our energy, talents, prayers and finances to support, further develop and strengthen these various ministries. How we respond to these various ministry opportunities is the proof of our stewardship of all God's blessings to us!

The Ministry Concept is one way we can gain a fresh perspective on our denomination's outreach work. The word "minister" means "to serve"; "ministry" means the "act of serving." As the Rev. Frank Harrison reminded us on the second day of our 1986 State Convention, if we truly follow the leadership of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are called to follow Him in servanthood. This is the New Testament image as set forth by Jesus and the image of the first century church!

We invite your prayers and increased financial
December 1986

support of each and every program of our State Convention's Ministries. We also ask that you add to those prayers, a prayer that young men and women would respond to God's call to the gospel ministry. This is included realizing that we do not have as many young people entering the ministry as we once have had. We believe God is still calling; we ask for prayer that those who are called will respond to His call!

Two Constitutional Changes were adopted by the seventy-fourth setting of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. These two changes have given occasion to some cause for concern, and the intent and purpose of the changes need to be clearly stated.

Change #1: The title of the "Board of Home Missions and Church Extension" was changed to the "Board of Home Missions and Evangelism." The work of evangelism is specified in the State Convention Constitution and By-laws as regards this ministry. This does not imply that only this Board is charged with the work of evangelism. Certainly it is hoped that all of our State Convention Ministries would be involved in evangelism as well as our several conferences and each local church. In the future we hope and pray to see some generous, evangelistic-minded Christian to endow a chair of Evangelism and Church Growth at Mount Olive College. It is hoped that our various denominational ministries will cooperate in the work of evangelism and church growth emphases for our denomination. A unified effort in this area, as well as other areas of our work, will undoubtedly be more blessed of the Lord.

Change #2: A "Board of Denominational Publications" was created. This Board was charged with "creating, editing, publishing, and distribution of denominational publications that deal with church leadership, history, beliefs, and any other topics pertaining to the development of denominational life." It needs to be clearly understood that this Board does not, in any way, intend to alter, supersede or take over the work of any existing board or organization which may print, edit or publish materials that they have been handling in the past. This Board was created as an attempt to stimulate further interest in our people writing materials for our churches. It is one way we hope to extend and strengthen our ministry.

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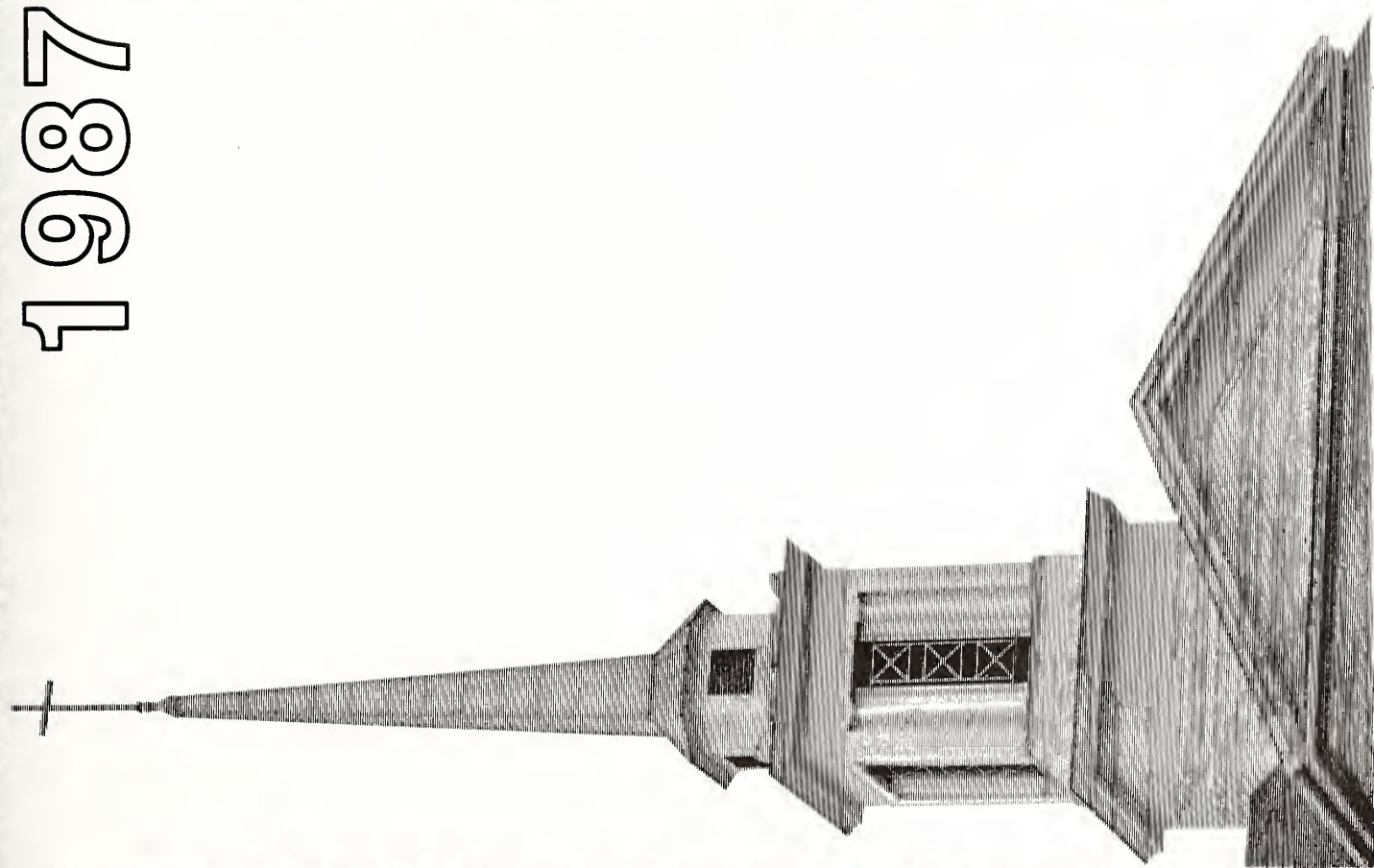
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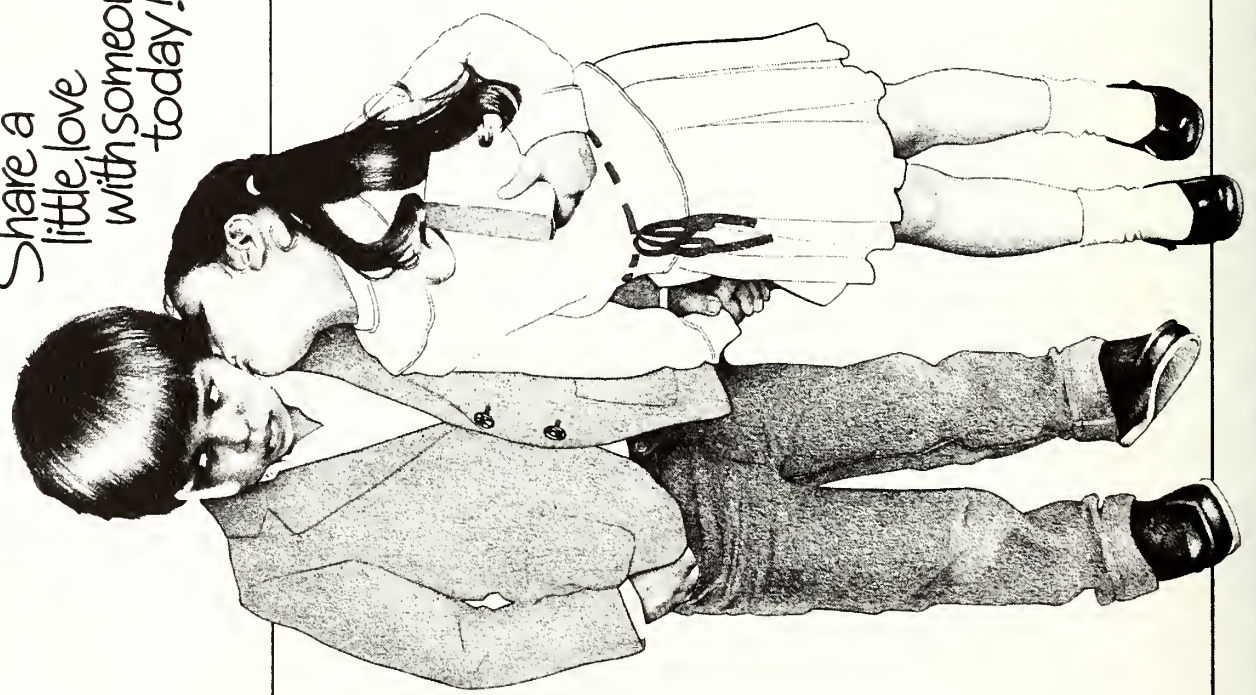
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11 Genesis 31-33	12 Genesis 34-36	13 Genesis 37-39 Spring Convocation, Rod- gers Chapel, MOC, 11 a.m.	14 Genesis 40-42	15 Genesis 43-45	16 Genesis 46-48	17 Gen. 49-Exo. 1 Central District Youth Fel- lowship, Talent Night, Elm Grove Church, 7 p.m.
18 Exodus 2-4	19 Exodus 5-7	20 Exodus 8-10 Home Missions Board Meet- ing	21 Exodus 11-13	22 Exodus 14-16	23 Exodus 17-19	24 Exodus 20-22
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8 Leviticus 19-21	9 Leviticus 22-23	10 Leviticus 24-25 Foreign Missions Board Meeting, Headquarters, 10 a.m.	11 Leviticus 26-27 Annual Meeting of the mem- bers of the Church Fi- nance Association	12 Numbers 1-2 Abraham Lincoln, 1809	13 Numbers 3-4	14 Numbers 5-6
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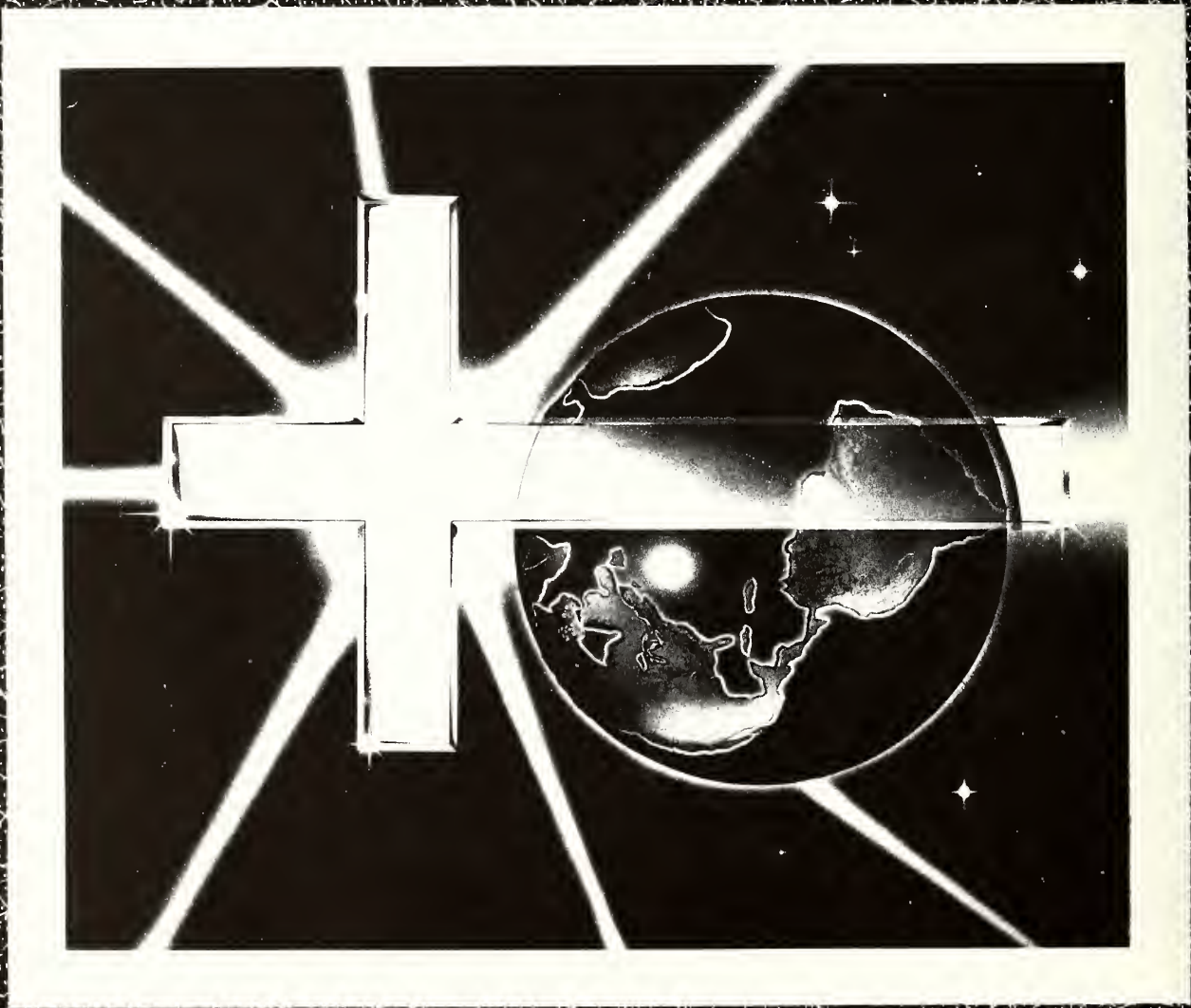
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1 Deut. 1-2	2 Deut. 3-4	3 Deut. 5-7	4 Deut. 8-10 Ash Wednesday	5 Deut. 11-13 Ministers' Financial Planning and Investment Seminar, Room 113, Henderson Bldg., MOC, 9:30 a.m.	6 Deut. 14-16	7 Deut. 17-20 Cape Fear District Youth Fellowship, Daly's Chapel Church State Sunday School Con- vention, Black Jack Church, 9:30 a.m.
8 Deut. 21-23	9 Deut. 24-27	10 Deut. 28	11 Deut. 29-31	12 Deut. 32-34	13 Joshua 1-3	14 Joshua 4-6
15 Joshua 7-8	16 Joshua 9-10	17 Joshua 11-13	18 Joshua 14-16	19 Joshua 17-19	20 Joshua 20-21	21 Joshua 22-24 Central District Youth Fel- lowship, Winterville Church, 9 a.m.
22 Judges 1-2 Foreign Missions Telethon Sunday and Day of Prayer	23 Judges 3-5 Central Conference Minis- ters' Fellowship	24 Judges 6-7	25 Judges 8-9	26 Judges 10-11	27 Judges 12-14	28 Judges 15-17 Cape Fear District Union Meeting, West Clinton Church
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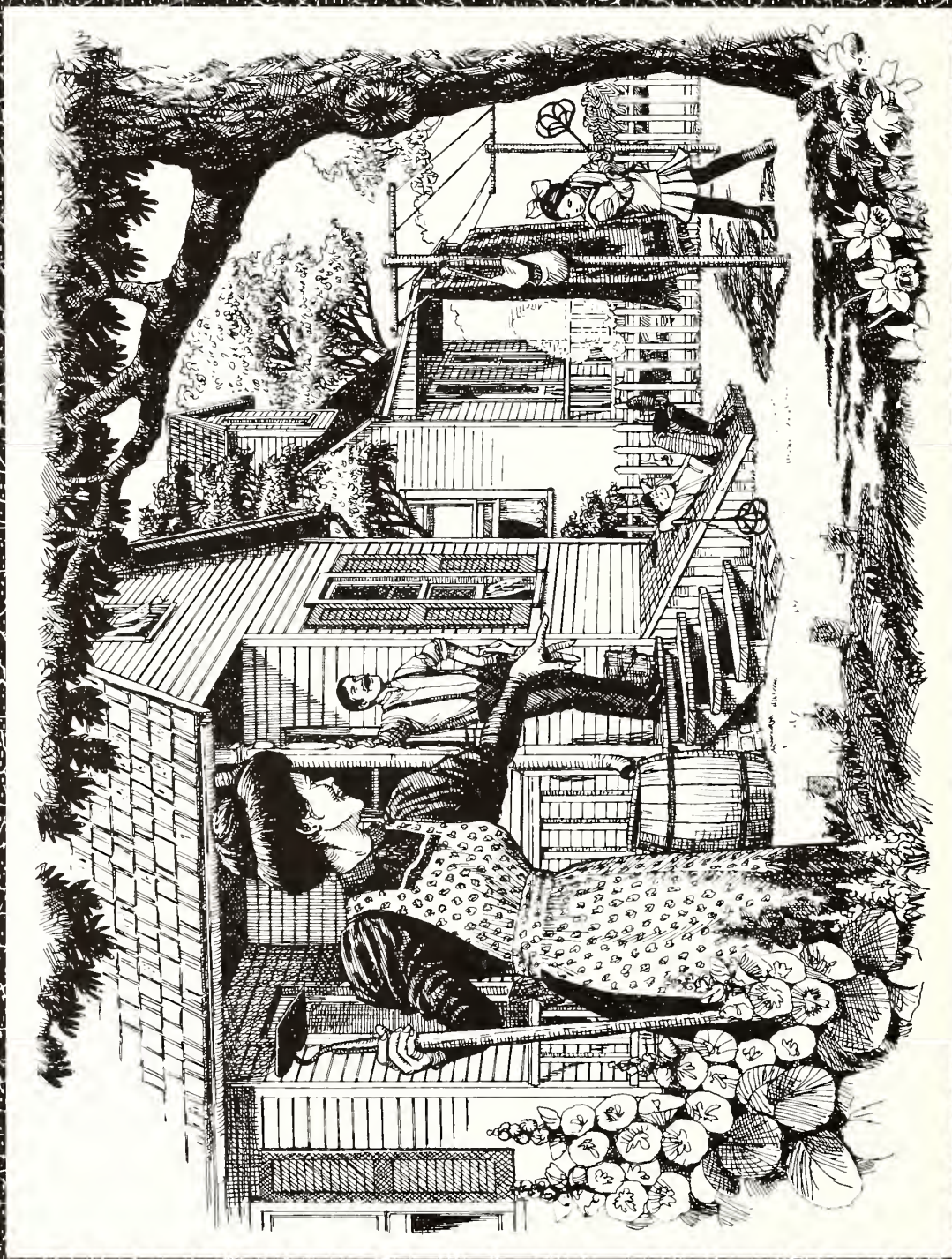
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5 1 Samuel 14:24-16	6 1 Samuel 17-18	7 1 Samuel 19-21	8 1 Samuel 22-24	9 1 Samuel 25-27	10 1 Samuel 28-31 Morning Star Conference, Cragmont	11 2 Samuel 1-2 Cape Fear District Youth Fellowship, Faith Church
12 2 Samuel 3-5 Morning Star Conference, Cragmont Palm Sunday	13 2 Samuel 6-9	14 2 Samuel 10-12 Passover	15 2 Samuel 13-14	16 2 Samuel 15-16 Albemarle WA Convention, Corinth Church, 10 a.m.	17 2 Samuel 17-18 Good Friday	18 2 Samuel 19-20 Central District Youth Fellowship, Field Day, La Grange Church
19 2 Samuel 21-22 Easter	20 2 Samuel 23-24 Home Missions Board Meeting	21 1 Kings 1-2:25	22 1 Kings 2:26-4	23 1 Kings 5-7	24 1 Kings 8	25 1 Kings 9-11
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10 2 Kings 23:21-25 Mother's Day	11 1 Chron. 1-2	12 1 Chron. 3-5 Foreign Missions Board Meeting, Headquarters, 10 a.m.	13 1 Chron. 6-7	14 1 Chron. 8-10 State WA Convention, Robert's Grove Church	15 1 Chron. 11-13 State Youth Convention, MOC	16 1 Chron. 14-16 State Youth Convention, MOC
17 1 Chron. 17-20 Children's Home Day	18 1 Chron. 21-23 General Baptist Conference, Cragmont	19 1 Chron. 24-26 General Baptist Conference, Cragmont	20 1 Chron. 27-29 General Baptist Conference, Cragmont	21 2 Chron. 1-3	22 2 Chron. 4-6	23 2 Chron. 7-9
24 2 Chron. 10-13 31 2 Chron. 34-36	25 2 Chron. 14-17 Central Conference Minis- ters' Fellowship	26 2 Chron. 18-20	27 2 Chron. 21-24	28 2 Chron. 25-27	29 2 Chron. 28-30	30 2 Chron. 31-33 Cape Fear District Union Meeting, Wooten's Chapel

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	1 Ezra 1-2 Spring Limited Edition, Cragmont	2 Ezra 3-5 Spring Limited Edition, Cragmont	3 Ezra 6-7 Spring Limited Edition, Cragmont	4 Ezra 8-9 Spring Limited Edition, Cragmont	5 Ezra 10 Spring Limited Edition, Cragmont	6 Neh. 1-3 Cape Fear District Youth Fellowship, Haymount Church
7 Neh. 4-6	8 Neh. 7-8	9 Neh. 9-10	10 Neh. 11-12	11 Neh. 13	12 Esther 1-3	13 Esther 4-7
14 Esther 8-10	15 Job 1-4 General Youth Conference I, Cragmont	16 Job 5-8 General Youth Conference I, Cragmont	17 Job 9-12 General Youth Conference I, Cragmont Ayden Seminary-Eureka College Alumni Meeting, First Church, Ayden	18 Job 13-16 General Youth Conference I, Cragmont	19 Job 17-20 General Youth Conference I, Cragmont	20 Job 21-24 General Youth Conference I, Cragmont
21 Job 25-29 Father's Day	22 Job 30-33 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	23 Job 34-37 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	24 Job 38-40 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	25 Job 41-42 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	26 Psalms 1-9 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont	27 Psalms 10-17 Christian Cadet Conference, Cragmont
28 Psalms 18-22	29 Psalms 23-30 Youth Frontier Conference—YFA, Cragmont	30 Psalms 31-35 Youth Frontier Conference—YFA, Cragmont				

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12 Psalms 101-105 Annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Children's Home	13 Psalms 106-107 General Youth Conference II, Cragmont	14 Psalms 108-118 General Youth Conference II, Cragmont	15 Psalm 119 General Youth Conference II, Cragmont	16 Psalms 120-131 General Youth Conference II, Cragmont	17 Psalms 132-138 General Youth Conference II, Cragmont	18 Psalms 139-143 General Youth Conference II, Cragmont
19 Psalms 144-150	20 Proverbs 1-3 Ministers' Conference, Crag- mont	21 Proverbs 4-7 Ministers' Conference, Crag- mont Home Missions Board Meet- ing	22 Proverbs 8-11 Ministers' Conference, Crag- mont	23 Proverbs 12-15 Ministers' Conference, Crag- mont	24 Proverbs 16-19 Ministers' Conference, Crag- mont	25 Proverbs 20-22
26 Proverbs 23-26	27 Proverbs 27-31 Young People's Bible Confer- ence, Cragmont	28 Eccles. 1-4 Young People's Bible Confer- ence, Cragmont	29 Eccles. 5-8 Young People's Bible Confer- ence, Cragmont	30 Eccles. 9-12 Young People's Bible Confer- ence, Cragmont	31 Song of Sol. 1-8 Young People's Bible Confer- ence, Cragmont	

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2 Isaiah 5-9	3 Isaiah 10-14 WA Conference I, Cragmont Ministers' Institute, MOC	4 Isaiah 15-21 WA Conference I, Cragmont Ministers' Institute, MOC	5 Isaiah 22-26 WA Conference I, Cragmont Church Finance Association Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m.	6 Isaiah 27-31	7 Isaiah 32-37	1 Isaiah 1-4 Young People's Bible Conference, Cragmont Cape Fear District Youth Fellowship Annual Cook-out
9 Isaiah 43-46	10 Isaiah 47-51 WA Conference II, Cragmont	11 Isaiah 52-57 WA Conference II, Cragmont Foreign Missions Board Meeting, Headquarters, 10 a.m.	12 Isaiah 58-63 WA Conference II, Cragmont	13 Isaiah 64-66	14 Jer. 1-3	8 Isaiah 38-42 WA Conference I, Cragmont
16 Jer. 7-10	17 Jer. 11-14	18 Jer. 15-18	19 Jer. 19-22	20 Jer. 23-25	21 Jer. 26-28	15 Jer. 4-6 WA Conference II, Cragmont
23 Jer. 32-33 Fall Semester Begins, MOC Lam. 1-2	24 Jer. 34-36 Central Conference Ministers' Fellowship Lam. 3-5	25 Jer. 37-40	26 Jer. 41-44	27 Jer. 45-48	28 Jer. 49-50	22 Jer. 29-31 Piedmont Conference
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13 Ezek. 43-45	14 Ezek. 46-48	8 Ezek. 25-28	9 Ezek. 29-32	10 Ezek. 33-36	11 Ezek. 37-39 Ministers' and Superintendents' Banquet, 7 p.m.	12 Ezek. 40-42
20 Hosea 7-14	21 Joel 1-3	15 Daniel 1-3 Night of Evangelism, Rodgers Chapel, MOC, 7:30 p.m.	16 Daniel 4-6 State Convention	17 Daniel 7-9 State Convention	18 Daniel 10-12	19 Hosea 1-6 Central District Youth Fellowship, Tarboro Church, 7:30 p.m.
27 Zeph. 1-3; Hag. 1-2	28 Zech. 1-7	22 Amos 1-5	23 Amos 6-9; Oba. 1	24 Jonah 1-4	25 Micah 1-7	26 Nah. 1-3; Hab. 1-3

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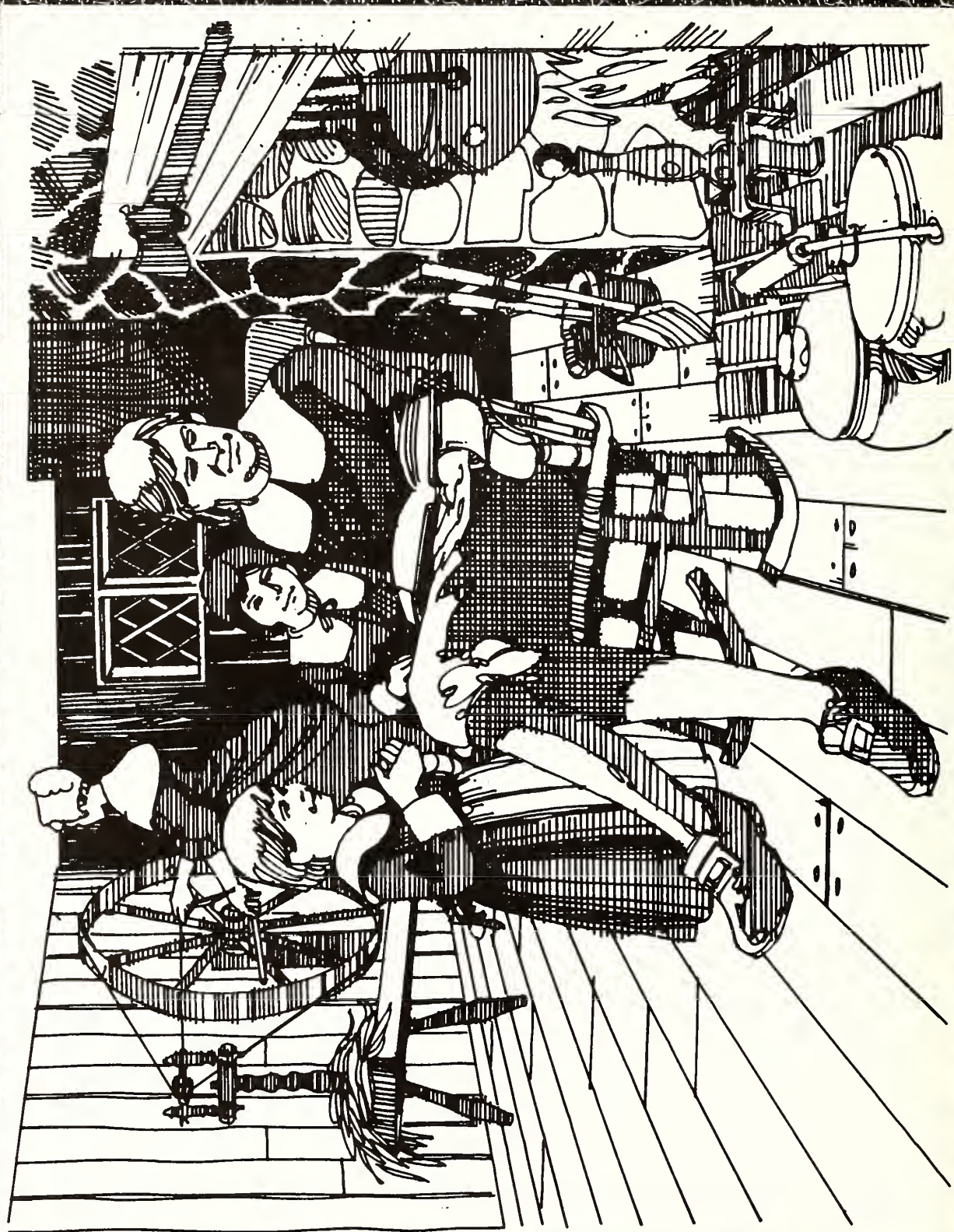
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11 Matthew 25-26	12 Matthew 27-28	13 Mark 1-3 Home Missions Board Meeting	14 Mark 4-5	15 Mark 6-7 Western Conference Albemarle WA Convention, Free Union Church, 10 a.m.	16 Mark 8-9 Cragmont Club Weekend I, Cragmont	17 Mark 10-11 Cragmont Club Weekend I, Cragmont Pee Dee Association
18 Mark 12-13 Cragmont Club Weekend I, Cragmont	19 Mark 14-16 Fall Limited Edition, Cragmont	20 Luke 1 Fall Limited Edition, Cragmont	21 Luke 2-3 Eastern Conference Fall Limited Edition, Cragmont	22 Luke 4-5 Eastern Conference Fall Limited Edition, Cragmont	23 Luke 6-7 Cragmont Club Weekend II, Cragmont	24 Luke 8-9 Cragmont Club Weekend II, Cragmont
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1 John 1-3	2 John 4-5	3 John 6-8	4 John 9-10 Church Finance Association Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m.	5 John 11-12 Central Conference	6 John 13-16 Cragmont Board Meeting	7 John 17-18 Cragmont Board Meeting Cape Fear District Youth Fellowship, Lanwood Church
8 John 19-21 Cragmont Board Meeting	9 Acts 1-3	10 Acts 4-6 Foreign Missions Board Meeting, Headquarters, 10 a.m.	11 Acts 7-8	12 Acts 9-10	13 Acts 11-13	14 Acts 14-16 Central District Youth Fel- lowship, 7:30 p.m.
15 Acts 17-19 Children's Home Day	16 Acts 20-22	17 Acts 23-25	18 Acts 26-28	19 Romans 1-3	20 Romans 4-7	21 Romans 8-10
22 Romans 11-13	23 Romans 14-16 Central Conference Minis- ters' Fellowship	24 1 Cor. 1-4 Founder's Day, College Hall, MOC, 11 a.m.	25 1 Cor. 5-9	26 1 Cor. 10-13 Thanksgiving	27 1 Cor. 14-16	28 2 Cor. 1-4 Cape Fear District Union Meeting, Casey's Chapel Church
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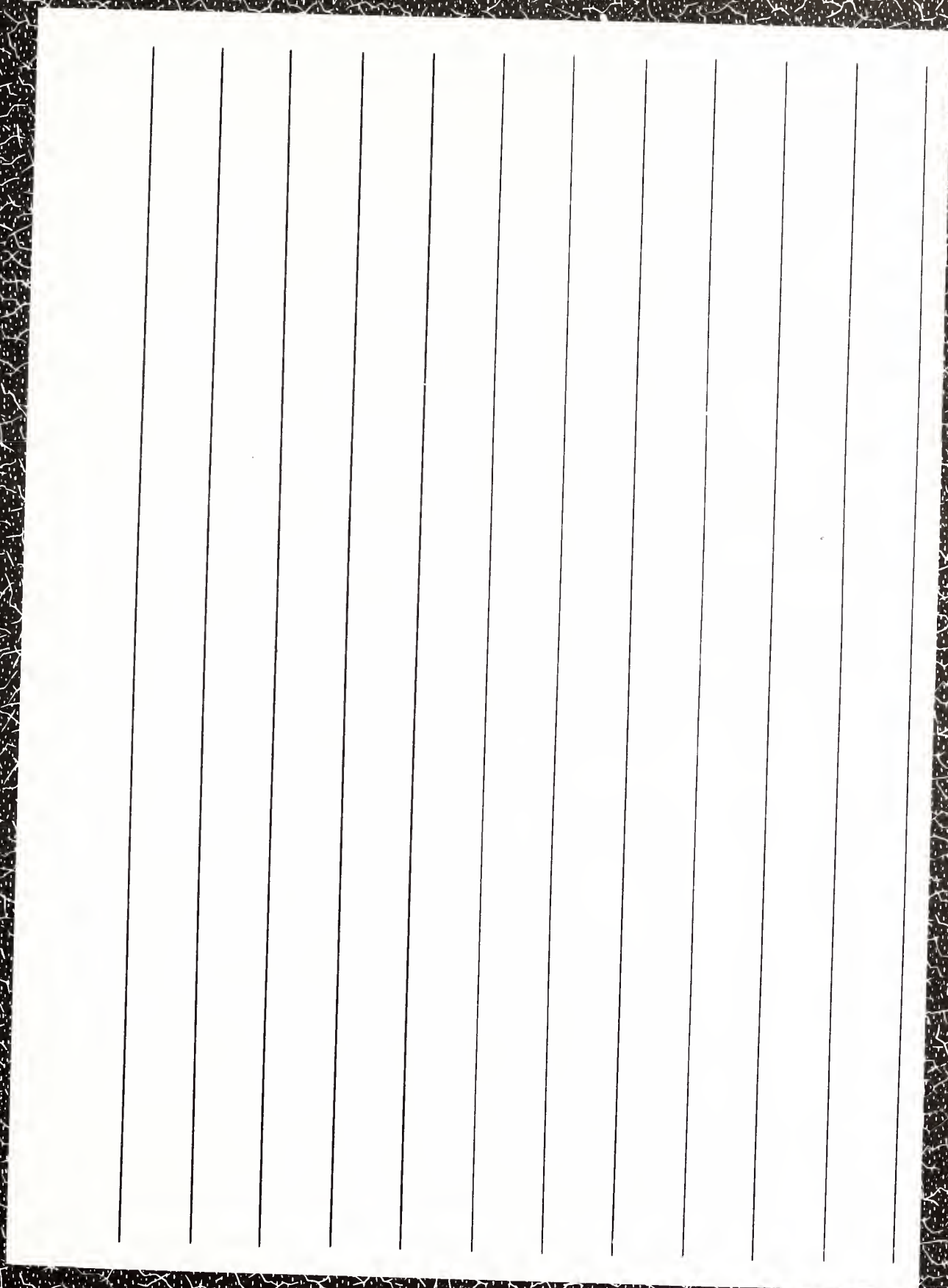
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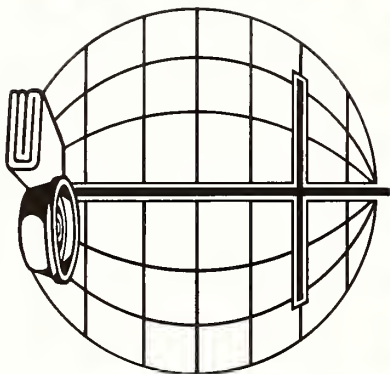
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6 Colossians 1-4	7 1 Thess. 1-5	8 2 Thess. 1-3 "Messiah" Performance, First Baptist, Mount Olive, 8 p.m.	9 1 Timothy 1-6	10 2 Timothy 1-4	11 Tit. 1-3; Phil. 1	12 Hebrews 1-4
13 Hebrews 5-7 "Messiah" Performance, First Baptist, Mount Olive, 4 p.m.	14 Hebrews 8-10	15 Hebrews 11-13	16 James 1-5	17 1 Peter 1-2	18 1 Peter 3-5	19 2 Peter 1-3
20 1 John 1-3	21 1 John 4-5	22 2-3 John; Jude	23 Rev. 1-2	24 Rev. 3-5	25 Rev. 6-8	26 Rev. 9-11
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PUMPKINS

Smiles and fun were the order of the day when a group from the Children's Home visited the home of Ralph and Joyce Smith of Red Oak. After seeing the happy faces of grandchildren in his pumpkin patch he decided to share this treat with other children.

We had no problem finding volunteers to harvest the pumpkins and the children were eager for our journey to begin. Mr. Smith's daughter led the way to their rural home.

After politely viewing the Smiths' fowl, which included guineas and a blue chicken, we raced to the pumpkin patch. Dozens of the yellow-orange vegetables were spread across the field and the children began harvesting with enthusiasm. They found it difficult to decide which pumpkins to choose, but generally followed the rule that the smaller the child, the larger the pumpkin selected.

After thanking Mr. Smith they all waved good-bye as our van

(with pumpkins rolling around) left for home.

We also would like to thank Mr. Stanley Bailey from Stantonburg for making a generous donation of more than 40 pumpkins to our children. This donation made it possible for the children to have a contest to see who could make the best jack-o-lantern, and we had pumpkin pies galore for Halloween.

A TRIP TO THE STATE FAIR

After much anticipation and planning, October 21 finally arrived and State Cottage set out for the North Carolina State Fair. We were blessed with a beautiful autumn day to make our excursion. Sitting on the edge of the seat in the van, Billy kept asking, "How much farther? When will we get there?"

Once parked and in the fair, the fun began. Faces lit up and groups set out in different directions to ride rides, see the animals and eat "junk" food. Billy's favorite ride was the "Scary House" or haunted house. Michael, Bobby,

and Eugene liked riding the sky lift. Micah was a little more daring and rode the "Polar Bear." The girls had fun making their choices of rides also. Then came time for hot dogs and ice cream or cotton candy until everyone was full of food and excitement. The sun began to set, our pockets were empty of money and our legs were working overtime, so it was back to the van, back to Middlesex and back to reality. It was fun while it lasted.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

On Wednesday, October 29, 1986, a group from Atlantic Christian College, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, came to the Home to have a party for State Cottage.

The children really enjoyed playing games such as "Duck, Duck, Goose" and "Dodge Ball." The sorority group had a treat bag for each of the kids which they especially enjoyed.

Upon leaving, hugs and promises of "Hope to see you again!" were exchanged.

On Thursday, October 30, 1986, the DECA Club of Southern Nash Senior High School came to play games and bring Halloween goodies to State Cottage. All the children were waiting with excitement when they heard the cars drive up. In came a witch, a clown and several other girls suitably dressed. We played "Drop the Clothespins in a Jar" and no one missed more than two. Everyone got prizes of balloons for doing so well. Next came "Pin the Stem on the Pumpkin" and everyone—even Joann—came close to the stem. This had nothing to do with the fact that we could use both hands and feel the crack! By this time it was getting late and the witch decided to give hugs and rub off some of her white make-up on our children. They loved it as well as the bags of candy they left behind. We all decided we'd be glad when it was Halloween again!

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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

There is so much to be thankful for at the Children's Home during this beautiful season of the year. We have a talented and dedicated staff who have committed themselves to Christian service. Our social workers and cottage supervisors and all staff members devote many extra hours for the benefit of the children because they love them. And in return for this love they earn the love and respect of the children.

Many Thanksgiving seasons have become fond memories at the Children's Home, memories that the children and staff will always cherish.

TIME TO LEAVE

I did not see that much of you
While you were home—a yawning
smile,
Hurrying out the door In the morning
On an empty stomach (you never ate
A proper breakfast or got enough
sleep).

And sometimes, you and your mother
and I
Would have a spontaneous, frivolous,
Late-night chat (those were the best).
The rest of our communication
seemed to begin
With you asking to borrow the car.

And yet the house never seemed
brighter,
Than when you were in it.
Your love of life and enthusiasm
Seemed to imbue the very walls;
Your entrance brought smiles to
everyone.

I hate change, even more than you do.
I wish things could stay as they are
Forever.
But If they did, you could never
become
The person you were intended to be.

And so, you are off to college—
A bit scared, but looking forward.
New friends, new challenges,
And enough old friends
To smooth the transition.

I don't like their dorm regs, or lack
of same;
When your mother was a student
there . . .
But there I go, sounding like a father.
Your heavenly Father will look after
you;
He's done a pretty good job, so far.

And you need to be on your own
now—
Your own space, your own life.
You need to complete
The job so well begun,
The job of becoming.

I never told you how pleased I was
With who you're becoming.
Not for anything would I abort that
process
By holding you here,
When you should be there.

I know it's time for you to leave.
I wish it weren't, but it is,
And it's right.
I just wish my heart
Would catch up with my head.

—David Manuel

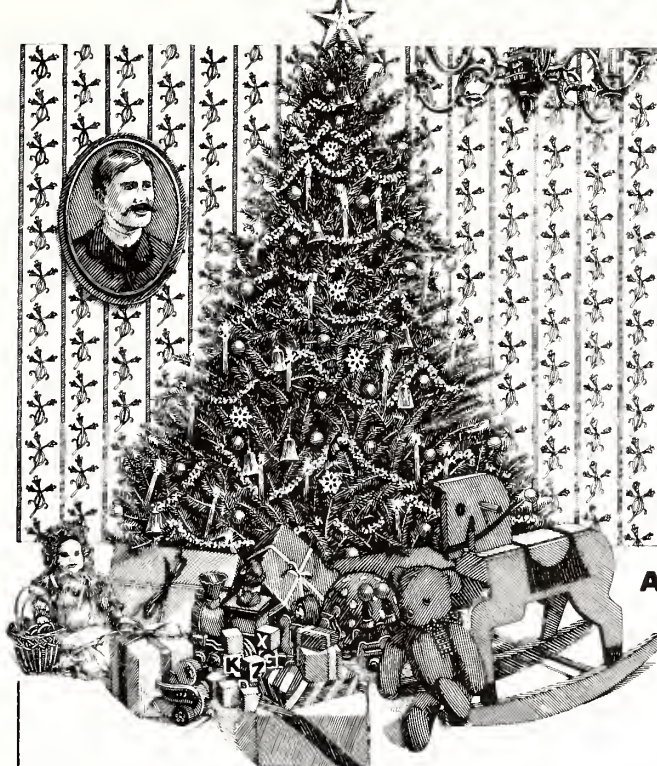


EXCITEMENT ANTICIPATION AND SUSPENSE . . .

The month of December brings a lot of excitement, anticipation and suspense to our campus. Putting up decorations in the cottages and all across the campus is made into a party by the children. The most fun of all is decorating the cottage Christmas trees. Each new day brings added anticipation of the parties and activities planned for the month. The children and staff look forward to visiting with old friends who visit with us each Christmas such as "The Group," the Woodmen of the World, and Unity Church; and meeting new friends like those from Carolina Telephone in Rocky Mount. Santa Claus will come to our campus several times during the month in various shapes and sizes and on different modes of transportation. He is checking his list finding out who has been naughty and nice.

Wednesday, December 17, will end our month of anticipation and suspense as we join in a special campus-wide vesper service. The evening will end with the children going to their respective cottages, gathering around the Christmas tree and opening gifts from their sponsors.

Christmas here we come.



A CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

- * A Christmas when the birth of Christ and the purpose of His coming are the main focus instead of religious window dressing for the "real thing": the advent of Santa Claus.
- * A Christmas when there is joy without depleting savings accounts and facing the January hang-over of over-extended credit.
- * A Christmas when our spirits are renewed instead of increasing our frustration and shame at being willingly manipulated to consume and waste at levels we know to be irresponsible.
- * A Christmas when our celebrations give expression to the meaning of Christ's birth as "good news to the poor," instead of an annual rite of "conspicuous consumption" that accentuates the gulf between the affluent and the non-affluent, otherwise known as the "what-did-you-get-for-Christmas?" game.
- * A Christmas which is fun and relaxing for all the members of the household, instead of simply being a heavier burden for those who ordinarily manage the household.
- * A Christmas which enhances creative expressions of love instead of following, lemming-like, the gift admonitions from Madison Avenue.
- * A Christmas whose results are greater resources for the justice and peace efforts of church ministries and other charitable agencies, instead merely of greater profits for business.
- * A Christmas where family get-togethers acknowledge the imperfection of family relationships and focus on appreciating each other rather than changing each other.
- * A Christmas where children use their own unique abilities and interest to make and do for others, thus experiencing the unparalleled joy of seeing others blessed through their giving.
- * A Christmas which becomes a treasure chest of warm and loving memories for the generations to come.

CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP

Have you finished your shopping yet? Are you sure you haven't forgotten to include someone special on your shopping list? Perhaps you didn't know that there are children who aren't on anyone's list! Christmas sponsorships are so important to our children, because it is such a tender time when love speaks so clearly through sharing. Each year, we try to provide one sponsor for every child in our care. Sponsors may simply send \$100 for each child sponsored, or call our office for a Christmas list for each child, and purchase the gift for them. Won't you consider adding one of our special children to your Christmas list? Thank you for your continued love and support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

COURSE TAUGHT

"The Art of Christian Teaching," one of the courses in the Basic Teacher Training Program, was offered in October at Smithfield Church. The Rev. Alan Lamm is the pastor.

Eighteen persons took part. They were: Joyce Brown, Viola Evans, Barbara Elliott, Mark Elliott, Luda Hinnant, Louise Flowers, SG Flowers, Lillie Starling, Lucille Coates, Laura Lamm, Janet Gregory, Jimmie Gregory, Betty Narron, Doris Peedin, Armie Strickland, Mary Strickland, Milton Wiggs, and Carla Williamson.

Would you like to have this course and our other training courses taught in your church? Write or call: Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary, Route 7, Box 471, Goldsboro, NC 27530; (919) 734-8378.

NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This is a new section we will have each month. It will share some of the things other Sunday Schools are doing and the programs that they are finding effective.

From St. Paul Church, Newton Grove

Some good things are happening there.

They have just formed a Sunday School Council. It's made up of all their teachers, officers, and their pastor. They will be meeting on a regular basis to oversee their Sunday School and make improvements. One of the first things they are considering doing is starting an attendance recognition program.

They also have a Sunday School fellowship breakfast a couple of times a month. The attendance has been good at these fellowship meals.

Their Sunday School has 120 on roll. It averages about 53 each Sunday.

St. Paul Church has 6 classes.

The superintendent is George Warren. The pastor is the Rev. Felton Godwin.

From Bridgeton Church

John Mitchell, superintendent of their Sunday School, took part in the course on Sunday School work that was held in September at St. Mary's Church in New Bern. He did more than just sit and listen to the ideas shared. He went back and put them into practice.

One of the things we discussed in those sessions was starting new classes. Mr. Mitchell, seeing the need for a new young married class in his Sunday School, went to work. Within a few weeks, he had a class organized. It already has ten persons on roll and has great potential for growth.

"This is something that was very much needed and we all are very pleased that it's started," said Mr. Mitchell in a recent interview. "It has improved our attendance, our offerings, and we have even gotten some new choir members because of this new class," he went on to say.

The Rev. Ralph Sumner is pastor of the church.

From Greenville Church

This is one of the fourteen churches that participated in the Pitt County Sunday School Seminars held in early September. In fact, the seminars were held there.

I recently called the Rev. Harry Grubbs, pastor of the church, to get some idea about the impact and results of those seminars.

Mr. Grubbs said the response had been "great." Everyone he had talked to felt enthused and excited about those seminars. Indeed, they want to plan some more for the spring.

"We have our Sunday School Council operating again," he said. "It's meeting on a monthly basis."

"We've started an attendance promotion program. Every person who attends at least ten Sundays each quarter is recognized.

Those with perfect attendance receive special recognition... our attendance is slowly but surely picking up," he said.

I could tell from talking with him that he was excited and encouraged about his Sunday School.

From Your Sunday School?

What's going on in your Sunday School? Write or call the Field Secretary and let him know. He will see that it's shared with others. Your Sunday School can be a source of encouragement to others!

COMING SOON

The course, "Basic Sunday School Work," will be taught by the Field Secretary from February 16-19, 1987. The four sessions will be held at Smithfield Church. Each session will be from 7 to 9:15 p.m.

The State Sunday School Convention will convene on March 7, 1987, at Black Jack Church, near Greenville. The theme is, "A Growing Sunday School." There will be workshops for Sunday School workers with all age groups, including pastors and superintendents. They will concentrate on practical ways to reach all ages through the Sunday School.

Courses, workshops, and seminars are constantly being planned. Watch *The Free Will Baptist* for dates, times, and places.

If you would like some training programs or other workshops held in your church, call or write the Field Secretary. He will be glad to work with you. It's his job!

IDEAS

Inadequacy

There's an article on the opposite page. It's entitled, "Overcoming That Inadequate Feeling." It deals with a common problem among Sunday School teachers. Make a copy of it for all your teachers. Ask them to read it and schedule a meeting with them to discuss it.

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OVERCOMING THAT INADEQUATE FEELING

by Bass M. Mitchell

"I'm not sure I know what I'm doing or even what to do." "I feel guilty and frustrated." "I feel so inadequate."

I have often heard these kinds of comments from Sunday School teachers. Many struggle with a sense of inadequacy. They lack the healthy self-confidence required for an effective and satisfying teaching ministry.

What can be done about it? This article offers some practical solutions.

The Positive Side of Inadequacy

A certain degree of inadequacy is not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, it can be helpful.

When a teacher shares her sense of inadequacy with me, I sometimes reply, "That's great! That helps us realize our dependence upon God. Use that feeling to stimulate you to greater prayer, study, and training."

God help us when we feel so adequate that we do not have to pray and look constantly to God for help. Such an attitude is far more harmful to the teaching

ministry than the feeling of inadequacy.

Teaching is a tremendous responsibility. It's a ministry that requires the very best we have. At times it is quite overwhelming. A sense of inadequacy is normal. Indeed, it is to be expected and even desired.

But a sense of inadequacy can be harmful, especially if it constantly makes the teacher feel guilty and lowers her self-esteem. The remainder of the article will deal with overcoming harmful inadequacy.

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Training and Study Build Confidence

Teachers need training in at least four areas: how to study the Bible, characteristics of the age group taught, how to teach, and what Christians believe. Teachers should determine in what areas they need to increase their knowledge and skills, for this is a primary cause of that inadequate feeling.

Many teachers do not know how to study the Bible. Since every lesson is based to some degree on the Scriptures, it's imperative that they know what the Bible is, how it came to us, and the best tools for studying it. When teachers know how to go about understanding the Bible, they feel much more confident in teaching it.

It's important for teachers to understand the age group they teach. How do they learn? How do they develop? What are their common needs, concerns, problems, and life tasks? Knowing the answers to these questions gives teachers confidence that they can make the Bible meaningful to those they teach.

Teachers need to know and be able to use a variety of teaching methods and activities, especially those most appropriate for the age group they teach. Self-confidence blossoms when teachers have mastered basic teaching skills.

Understanding basic Christian teachings also helps combat that inadequate feeling. What do we believe about God? About Christ? About the Church? In some way every lesson deals with Christian theology. When teachers know what they believe and why they believe it, then they can draw upon that knowledge in teaching. That fosters confidence.

You can increase your knowledge and skills in these areas by participating in workshops and classes. Also, there are many excellent



resources in all four areas for your personal study. Just do some looking and asking.

Paul and Timothy Relationships

One of the best ways to train teachers and to prevent a harmful inadequacy is to use Paul and Timothy as models. Paul was the older, more experienced pastor. He became a pastoral mentor for Timothy.

Do you have a "Paul" in your Sunday School? No doubt you have several. Why not let the young, inexperienced "Timothys" work with them for a year? As these prospective teachers observe and carry out teaching activities with experienced teachers, they will learn much and gain a healthy sense of confidence.

You do not have to rely on teachers. Perhaps your minister of education, pastor, or other qualified persons in the church could assist in this one-on-one training.

Team Work

One of the ways to prevent and overcome inadequacy is to develop a team teaching ministry. Many teachers seldom use their assistants. When they do, it's often only as a substitute.

Planning, teaching, and evaluating a class with another person can be a tremendous ex-

perience. It does more than just share the responsibilities. It gives you someone with whom to share your ideas, feelings, and problems. It means that you are not alone.

Part of the sense of inadequacy teachers experience grows out of the feeling that they are all alone. That's scary. But team ministry overcomes that!

Offer Your Fish and Loaves

Remember the story of the multiplication of the fish and loaves? Jesus asked His disciples to do a great task—feed five thousand people! All they had to offer was two fish and five barley loaves. But they gave it to Jesus and a miracle took place. He made a lot out of their little.

When you face those hungry souls each Sunday, remember that Jesus can still make a lot out of a little. Offer all you have, though it seem only a fish and piece of bread. Trust it into His hands and wait for the miracle. He will take it, multiply it, and feed them! He's the only one who really can!

Another way to say this is that the best way to deal with inadequacy is to trust in God's adequacy. Our confidence in ourselves will grow in proportion to our confidence in God. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Even teach!

CAMPUS RELIGIOUS LIFE AT MOC—AN IMPORTANT DIMENSION

One of the ways Mount Olive College fosters the Christian faith is through campus religious organizations. These groups add that "something extra" that may not be found at other colleges. As President Raper says, "The most important dimension of MOC is its commitment to the Christian faith."

The Free Will Baptist Fellowship and the Theological Students Fellowship are two campus organizations that help students grow in their faith.

Open to all students, the FWB Fellowship provides opportunities for service and worship through which its members may strengthen their faith, character and Christian commitment. The Fellowship also helps students develop leadership abilities. Mrs. Dianne B. Riley, director of admissions, is the advisor.

The Theological Students Fellowship is an organization of students preparing for the Christian ministry and church-related vocations. The main objective of the group is to provide opportunities for personal and religious development and practical experience for members as they pursue academic preparation for their work. Their advisor is religion professor Dr. Michael Pelt.

Attendance at weekly chapel services is required, and students have a unique opportunity to participate by joining the Chapel Choir. Under the direction of music professor Irene Patten, the choir's only reason for existence is to lead the music at the regular Tuesday worship services.

Sunday worship services are held in Rodgers Chapel throughout the school year. Students are also encouraged to participate in Bible study groups and in personal and group devotions.



Theological Students' Fellowship Officers—Dr. Michael Pelt, left, strolls from Rodgers Chapel with the 1986-87 Theological Students' Fellowship officers. Pictured from left are Pelt, one of the Fellowship's advisors; Paul Rigsby of Pikeville, reporter; Joseph Ard of Pink Hill, president; and Keith Davis of Deep Run, vice president. Ard is a member of Christian Chapel Church and Davis is a member of Deep Run Church. The Fellowship is an organization of students preparing for the Christian ministry and church-related vocations. Not pictured is Maurice Goodall of La Grange, secretary/treasurer (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

WAYNE COUNTY CHURCHES CONTRIBUTE \$33,534 AT MOC DINNER

Brightly decorated tables filled the floor of College Hall for the Wayne County gift support dinner for Mount Olive College. The table decorations matched the mood of the evening when it was announced that 15 Free Will Baptist Churches in Wayne County contributed an all-time record of \$33,534—the goal was \$21,050.

"This is the best any dinner has ever done in the history of the College," said an elated Jean F. Ackiss, director of the 17 annual county dinners.

Four hundred Free Will Baptists and guests enjoyed an outstanding buffet meal provided by the College cafeteria. MOC's Student Government Association President, Freddie Pierce, welcomed the guests with his unique "friend," Richard J. Waldorf III. The Mount Olive College Singers entertained with a program of patriotic music.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive, expressed his thanks to the churches and to the host of volunteers who make the dinners possible. He introduced Milford Quinn, president of Quinn

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Free Will Baptist Fellowship officers named—Free Will Baptist Fellowship officers for the 1986-87 year have been named at Mount Olive College. The newly elected officers are pictured from left, front row, Jennifer Turnage of Beaufort Church, historian; Linda Brown of Casey's Chapel Church, publicity; Rhonda Flowers of Unity Church, president; and Shea Bankston of Hope Mills, publicity. In the back row, Amanda Garris of King's Cross Roads Church and Miriam Prescott of Raleigh, pianists; Lori Elks of Elm Grove Church, vice president; Patti Fulghum of Union Grove Church, secretary; and Donna Bowen of Saints Delight Church, song leader. Not pictured are Frankie Baggett of Daly's Chapel Church, executive officer; Carl Hayes of Haymount Church, treasurer; and Debra Whitely of Cardinal Village Church, publicity. The Free Will Baptist Fellowship is open to all students and meets weekly (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).



Dinner without barbecue—Wilber Shirley, a member of Goldsboro, First Church, and owner of Wilber's Barbecue, seems to be enjoying a meal without barbecue. Shirley was on campus for the Wayne County dinner which was served by the college cafeteria. Wilber's caters 10 of the 17 annual College dinners (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

Wholesale Co. of Warsaw. Quinn's son, Kim, is a member of the MOC Singers.

"Mount Olive College means a lot, not only to Wayne County but to our entire state," Quinn told the gathering. "Many students would not have gotten an education without this college." He also commended the College for its moral and religious emphasis.

Spring Hill Church, with a membership of 88, led the county in gifts with a total of \$7,650. The church was presented with two \$100 scholarships, for the largest amount per capita and the largest contribution.

Pleasant Grove Church received the scholarship for having the most high school students in attendance—14.

Of special note is Stoney Creek Church which recorded a contribution of \$6,202. Other churches and the amounts of their gifts included Antioch, \$300; Casey's Chapel, \$1,220; Fremont, \$251; Goldsboro First, \$2,410; Grants Chapel, \$300; Indian Springs, \$200; May's Chapel, \$1,335; Mount Olive, \$2,778; Northeast, \$1,811; Pleasant Grove, \$2,877; Pleasant Hill, \$1,172; Union Grove, \$2,877; and Walnut Creek, \$1,250.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



Receiving scholarship certificates—Pictured following the Wayne County dinner in College Hall, from left, are Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of MOC; Bettie B. Lynch, Wayne County dinner chairman; church chairmen Borden Howell of Spring Hill, and Mrs. Tempie Jones of Pleasant Grove Church. Howell received two scholarships for the largest contribution and largest amount per capita, and Mrs. Jones received a certificate for the most high school students in attendance (photo courtesy Nelson Bland, MOC TRIBUNE).



Fellowship sponsors retreat—Mount Olive College students prepare to leave campus to attend the spiritual life retreat sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. Sixteen students, fellowship advisor Dianne B. Riley, and dorm director Joyce Andrews traveled to Camp Vandemere on October 24 for a weekend of recreation, prayer and Bible study. The Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Bern, gave the opening message on Friday evening. The retreat's activities followed the theme "Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths" (photo by Patti O'Donoghue).

"MESSIAH" OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

The department of music of Mount Olive College will present two performances of Handel's "Messiah" again this Christmas. Under the direction of Carolyn M. Knox, the College chorus will be assisted by volunteers from Mount Olive and the surrounding area.

"Messiah" performances
December 9 (Tuesday) at 8:00 p.m.
December 14 (Sunday) at 4:00 p.m.

Both presentations will be held at the First Baptist Church of Mount Olive, located at the corner of Chestnut and John Streets. The chorus will be accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra of the North Carolina Symphony. All friends of the College are invited. There will be no admission charge or offering.

or that your father—a very different man than you—modeled certain unachievable behaviors will help you put your expectations into perspective.

Some expectations can simply be scaled down. You may wish for a \$1,000 Christmas bonus. However, if you are realistic and understand that \$100 is more reasonable, all things considered, then \$100 becomes a fulfilled dream when that is what you get, instead of a booby prize. The young man who cannot spend the holidays with his family might formulate a plan whereby he could spend Christmas with his sister and her family, reckoning them to be the nearest things he has to a happy, loving family.

Some realities are not subject to our influence. Few of us are in a position to bring peace on earth; a single mother on welfare will not be able to buy the gifts she wants to give her children; we can't make people send us Christmas cards; the special people we want to see may be overseas . . .

When the facts are beyond our control, we can consider the second means of resolution: we can revise reality. We *can* say, "As much as I want it, there will not be true peace on earth until the Kingdom of God arrives"; "I cannot afford to lavish expensive gifts upon those I love"; and so on.

But many realities—more than you might think—are ours to change. Some can be dealt with absolutely and completely. If a white Christmas is vitally important to you, if you have the money, you can spend Christmas in Vermont (check the weather reports, though, before going!). It will take a considerable investment of time, energy, and money; but it can be done. If you want to lavish gifts on those you love, work toward that end all year long—don't begin on December 24th!

Yes, our dreams can become a reality. How then, does Christ become the center of our Christmas celebration? We must

want Him to be. We must work and plan toward that end. We must not let other things which might prevent our holiday from being a holy day do just that.

My Christmas wish? That Christmas might truly be a celebration of God's love and joy this year.

And it will be, if I let it be!

CALENDAR INSIDE

When examining this issue of *The Free Will Baptist*, you may have been surprised to find a calendar in the center of the publication. This calendar has been provided for your convenience by the Free Will Baptist Press. The calendar has a daily Bible reading entry which, if followed, will assist you in reading through the Bible in a year. You will also find dates of denominational activities on the calendar. (All the conference, enterprise and organizational leaders were contacted and many supplied us with the dates of their 1987 activities. We extend our appreciation to those who helped us in our efforts of the compilation of dates.)

To use the calendar, you can merely hang it as it is, or you can remove the outside pages of the publication.

In order to provide you with the calendar we had to omit some of our regular monthly features. We ask for your understanding in this matter.

Janie Jones Sowers
Editor

PLEASE NOTE

The Free Will Baptist Press has several copies of *The Free Will Baptist Hymnal* in loose-leaf form. They are available for \$5 each and can be purchased from the Press in Ayden.

The 1987 Woman's Auxiliary *DEVOTION* is ready for purchasing.

MINISTERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. C. L. Patrick announces that he will be available for pastoral and evangelistic work in 1987. He may be contacted by writing to him at Route 1, Box A-22, Snow Hill, NC 28580; or by phoning 747-8877.

The Rev. Michael G. Warning, a bivocational minister, is seeking a pastorate. Mr. Warning currently teaches at Mount Olive College and is a member of the Eastern Conference. Anyone interested in his services can contact him by writing to him at Box 326, Mount Olive, NC 28365. He can be reached at night by phoning 658-2502.



THE FREE WILL BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES BOARD recently purchased another home in Ayden, North Carolina. This community-based retirement facility is located a few houses down the street from the program's other Ayden facility, on Lee Street. Renovations are being made to turn the home into a duplex apartment. The Rev. Walter Sutton, director of the program, looks for all the work to be completed this year, making it available for residency the first of 1987.

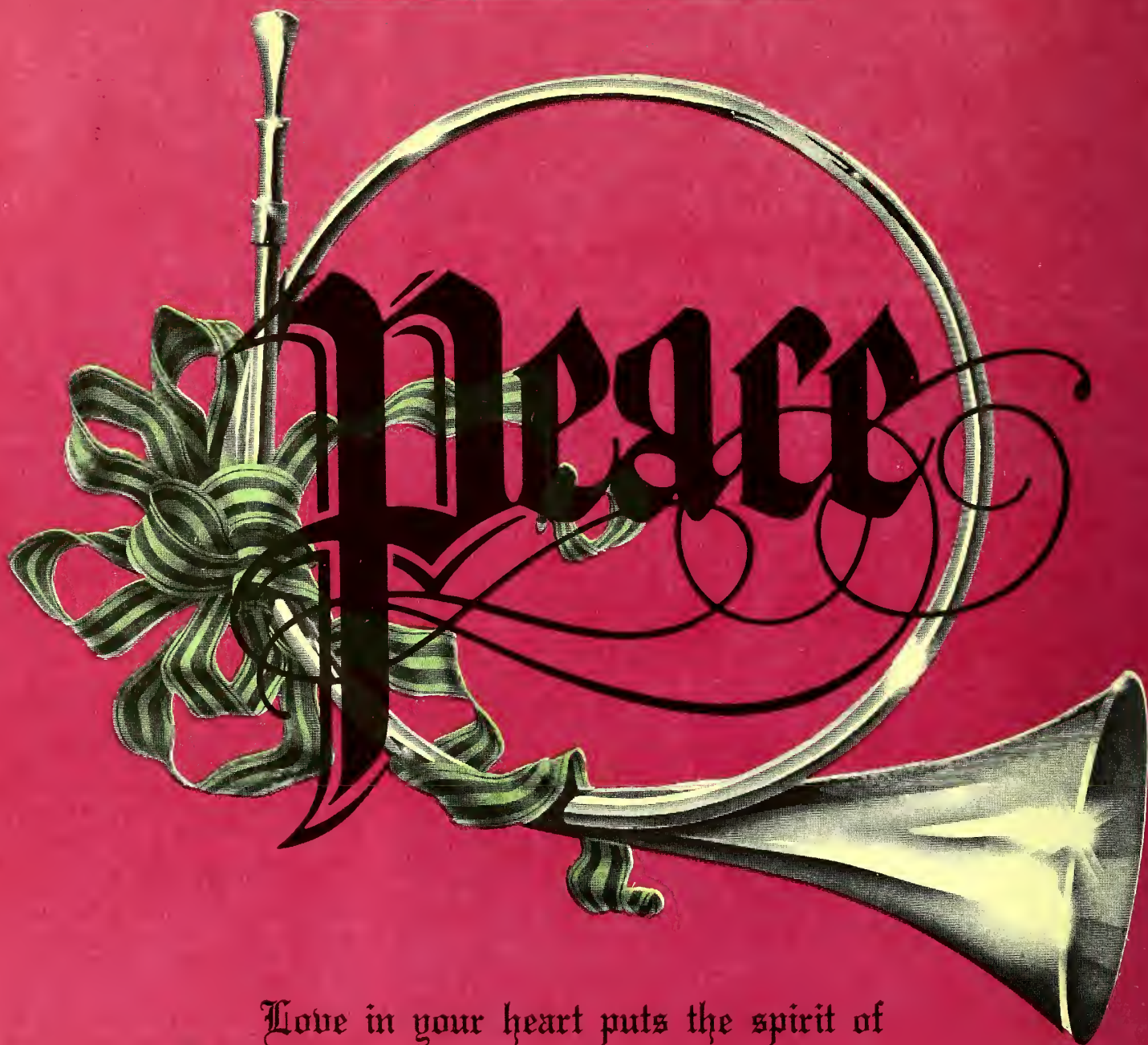
Individuals interested in retiring in Ayden and using one of the apartments is encouraged to contact Mr. Sutton. (Phone 919/746-4963.)



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